

STOCK ASSESSMENTS FOR ALBACORE AND BLUE FIN TUNA

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will be presented information on the status of north Pacific albacore and northern bluefin tuna stocks.

At the April 2004 Council meeting, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) briefed the Council about reports from the Interim Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) about fishing rates and population status for (north Pacific) albacore and northern bluefin tuna. It was highlighted that information provided by the ISC is important, should be tracked by the Council's Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Management Team, and included in the HMS stock assessment and fishery evaluation (SAFE) document. NMFS-Southwest Fisheries Science Center offered to formally brief the Council about the population status and fishing rates for these stocks at the September 2004 Council meeting.

Council Task:

Discussion.

Reference Materials:

1. Agendum H.3.b, Attachment 1: *Report of the Plenary Session of the Fourth Meeting of the Interim Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific, February 2-4, 2004.*

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. NMFS Report
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Discussion

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