

Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) Resolutions			
2005 Resolution Action Items	PFMC Role	U.S. Role	Status
<b>Seabirds</b>			
1. Nations inform the Commission of the status of their National Plan of Action for reducing incidental catches of seabirds in longline fisheries.	No	Yes. NMFS Regional and National Seabird Coordinators. Status Report of the National Plan of Action for Annual Report to Congress.	Due to IATTC May 2006
2. Nations provide the Commission with all available information on interactions with seabirds, including incidental catches in all fisheries under the purview of the IATTC.	No	Yes	Due to IATTC May 2006
<b>Northern Albacore Tuna</b>			
Total level of fishing effort for north Pacific albacore tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean not be increased beyond current levels.			
1. Nations take the necessary measures to ensure that the level of fishing effort by their vessels fishing for north Pacific albacore tuna is not increased.	potential HMS FMP amendment	Yes	No due date given
2. Nations report catches of north Pacific albacore tuna, by gear type, to the IATTC every 6 months.	No	Yes	Report to IATTC every 6 months
3. Each nation to consider future actions with respect to north Pacific albacore tuna.	advisory	Yes	
4. Each nation to call upon the Western and Central Pacific Ocean Commission (WCPFC) to take such action as may be necessary to ensure the effective conservation and management of north Pacific albacore tuna throughout its range.	No	Yes	No due date given
<b>Sharks</b>			
1. Nations establish and implement a National Plan of Action for the conservation and management of sharks.	No	Yes	Yes. National Plan of Action for Sharks
2. National scientists to cooperate with the IATTC and WCPFC to provide preliminary advice on the stock status of key shark species and propose a research plan for a comprehensive assessment of these shark stocks (2006).	No	Yes	Due to IATTC May 2006
3. Each nation shall require its vessels to fully utilize any retained catches of sharks. (Landing of whole fish)	Yes	Yes	Yes. Shark Finning Prohibition Act
4. Each nation shall require its vessels to have onboard fin that total no more than 5% of the weight of sharks onboard. Prohibit retaining, transshipping, landing or trading of shark fins harvested in contravention of this Resolution.	Yes	Yes	Yes. Shark Finning Prohibition Act
5. Research fishing gears that are more selective.	No	Yes. NMFS National and Regional Shark Coordinators. Annual Report to Congress.	Due to IATTC May 2006

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6. Report annually to the IATTC, data for catches, effort by gear type, landing and trade of sharks by species, including available historical data.	review	Yes. NMFS National and Regional Shark Coordinators. Annual Report to Congress.	Due to IATTC May 2006
7. This resolution applies only to sharks caught in association with fisheries managed by the IATTC.			
<b>Trade Measures to Promote Compliance</b> (this resolution was agreed to <i>ad referendum</i> by El Salvador, to date this is the current status)			
1. If this resolution comes into force, NMFS will have to analyze this resolution in further detail. For most of this resolution, NMFS currently is collecting and administering under the Tuna Tracking and Verification Program, International Trade Permits, and the international Tuna Tracking and Verification Program under the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program. Reporting and compliance issues should be explored by the NMFS SWR Tuna Tracking and Verification Group.	No	Yes	NMFS will need to evaluate
<b>Bycatch</b> (this resolution has been extended until January 1, 2007)			
1. The full retention of juvenile tunas continues. This applies to purse seine gear.	Yes	Yes	No. Regulations need to be updated to reflect extension
2. In the IATTC Permanent Working Group on Compliance, compliance with this full retention of juvenile tunas will be reviewed.	No	Yes	June 2006
<b>2004 Resolutions</b>			
<b>Tuna Conservation Measures</b>			
1. Tuna conservation measures for the 2004, 2005, and 2006 expire in 2006. Council input on identifying future measures will be sought.	advisory	Yes	Ongoing
<b>Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS)</b>			
This resolution requires that VMS be installed on tuna fishing vessels 24 meters or more in length operating in the eastern Pacific Ocean by January 1, 2005, or as soon as possible thereafter. This resolution mandated reports from nations regarding VMS compliance. At the recent IATTC annual meeting a summary of these reports was reviewed, and it was agreed to that the current VMS resolution continue in force.	advisory	Yes	No