

INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION (RFMO)  
MATTERS

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) will hold its annual meeting June 1-12, 2009, in San Diego, California. Agenda Item D.4.a, Attachment 1 is a letter from Dr. Donald McIsaac to National Marine Fisheries Service Northwest Region Regional Administrator (and U.S. Commissioner) Rod McInnis conveying the Council's recommendations in advance of the 2008 IATTC annual meeting. The lack of agreement on conservation measures for bigeye and yellowfin tuna has been an ongoing concern since the last resolution on this matter expired at the end of 2007. The IATTC was unable to adopt a new resolution at their 2008 meeting. Agenda Item D.4.a, Attachments 2 and 3 are slightly-modified versions of stock assessment reports prepared for the 9th Stock Assessment Review Meeting held during May 12-16, 2008. (Summaries are attached to printed materials; full documents available online.) Most of these include data through 2007. The next Stock Assessment Review Meeting is scheduled for May 12-15, 2009, in Del Mar, California.

Executive Director Donald McIsaac will report on the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Fifth Annual Meeting, which took place in Busan, Korea, December 8-12, 2008. Agenda Item D.4.b, Attachment 1 is a letter sent to Council members summarizing the meeting activities and its outcome. Attachment 2 contains the Conservation and Management Measures adopted at the meeting.

Dr. McIsaac will also present an update of the process to finalize a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Pacific, Western Pacific, and North Pacific Councils and the Departments of State and Commerce regarding Council participation in U.S. delegations to RFMOs and associated advisory committees. Part of the Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Act directed the Federal departments to reach this MOU with the Councils. Council Executive Directors and departmental representatives have been working on the substance of the MOU for the past two years.

**Council Action:**

**Decide on Signing the MOU and Make Recommendations to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission.**

**Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item D.4.a, Attachment 1: Letter from Donald McIsaac to Rod McInnis Containing Recommendations for the U.S. Delegation to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission.
2. Agenda Item D.4.a, Attachment 2: Status Of Yellowfin Tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean in 2007 and Outlook for the Future. **(Entire Document on CD and Web Only)**
3. Agenda Item D.4.a, Attachment 3: Status Of Bigeye Tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean in 2007 and Outlook for the Future. **(Entire Document on CD and Web Only)**
4. Agenda Item D.4.b, Attachment 1: Letter from Donald McIsaac to Donald Hansen Regarding Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Fifth Annual Meeting Report.

5. Agenda Item D.4.b, Attachment 2: Conservation and Management Measures Adopted at the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Fifth Annual Meeting (**Entire Document on CD and Web Only**)

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl
- b. Report on the Fifth Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Don McIsaac
- c. Status of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Council Participation in RFMO Delegations and Advisory Bodies Don McIsaac
- d. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Determine Council Action with regard to the MOU and Recommendations to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission

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