

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON  
UPDATE ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

One member of the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) attended the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission-Northern Committee (WCPFC-NC) meeting in Sapporo, Japan. At this meeting, there was extensive discussion of the Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) that the International Scientific Committee (ISC) is preparing over the next two to three years, and that the first fishery management measures which would be reviewed under the MSE models would be those for North Pacific albacore. There has been one general workshop completed by the ISC on the MSE process held in Japan last April. There were no West Coast stakeholders in attendance. There is another workshop planned for April of 2016. Both the Chair of the ISC and the Chair of the ISC Albacore Working Group emphasized how important it is to have stakeholders (those impacted directly by the management measures) in attendance at the April 2016 meeting. Therefore, the HMSAS requests that the Council do everything possible to facilitate and support the attendance of 2-3 North Pacific albacore harvesters at the April 2016 meeting in Japan.

Over the last year and a half a deep-set longline fishery has developed off southern California. Currently 5 boats are fishing in international waters landing fresh fish for restaurants, consumers, and fish markets, including the new San Diego Docksider Fisherman's Market. Locally landed fresh tuna, opah, pacific pomfret, and dorado are becoming increasingly popular. It is important to maintain this long-term sustainable fishery, so it is important we stay engaged with Regional Fishery Management Organizations, specifically the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission.

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