

2015 IATTC Resolutions

- **C-15-01 on the IUU Vessel List:** Clarifies the listing and delisting procedures.
- **C-15-02 on well volume:** By January 1, 2017, well volume reported at the time purse seine vessels (any size) are added to the active register shall be considered confirmed, or final. Intent is to prevent unjust modifications to well volume (e.g., revisions to increase available capacity for a member nation).
- **C-15-03 on FAD data collection and analyses:** Specifies the identification and data collection requirements, as well as terms of reference for the working group.
- **C-15-04 on mobulid rays:** Prohibits sale and establishes safe release guidelines.
- **C-15-05 on financing formula:** Adjusts the formula by which member contributions are calculated.
- **C-15-06 on financing FY16:** Defines member contributions and total budget.
- **C-15-07 on data confidentiality:** Ensures a single person or company, as well as vessel, cannot be identified by data submitted to, and later published by, the IATTC.

Upcoming International Meetings (2016)

- **December 3-8, 2015:** WCPFC meeting (Indonesia)
- **January 18-20:** Bluefin Futures Symposium hosted by Monterey Bay Aquarium
- **March:** ISC PBF Working Group meeting for the stock assessment (La Jolla, CA)
- **March:** ISC Billfish Working Group meets for the blue marlin stock assessment (Korea)
- **April:** ISC Albacore Working Group to meet for the MSE (Japan)
- **Spring:** ISC Shark Working Group for shortfin mako and blue shark data updates
- **June or July:** IATTC annual meeting (La Jolla, CA)
- **July:** ISC working groups in advance of plenary (PBF, billfish)
- **July 13-18:** ISC Plenary (Japan)
- **September:** Northern Committee (Japan)
- **Fall:** ISC Shark Working Group meeting (TBD)
- **November:** **ISC** Albacore Working Group meeting for data preparation (Nanaimo)

Rulemakings Under Tuna Conventions Act

- **Pacific Bluefin Tuna Commercial Catch Limits Final Rule**
 - Filed for public inspection July 2, 2015; Published July 8, 2015; effective July 9, 2015
- **Vessel Monitoring System Rule**
 - Supplemental proposed rule, to conform with VMS resolution adopted in 2014, published May 19, 2015
 - Final rule expected late-September 2015; will be effective January 1, 2016
- **Unique Vessel Identifier (IMO numbers) Proposed Rule**
 - Anticipated publication October 2015
- **IATTC-WCPFC overlap Area Proposed Rule**
 - Anticipated publication November 2015
- **Bigeye Tuna (BET) Closure Notice**
 - Closed the longline fishery for BET to vessels >24m
 - Published August 5, 2015
 - Effective August 12, 2015

Rulemakings by NMFS Office Int'l Affairs

- **Fish Import Provisions of the MMPA**
 - Published August 11, 2015
 - Public comment period closes November 9, 2015
- **High Seas Fishing Compliance Act VMS**
 - Final rule expected September 2015