

Southwest Fisheries Science Center

Highly Migratory Species

1. **ISC Pacific Bluefin Tuna Working Group** Workshop: benchmark stock assessment; participating scientists-USA, Japan, Mexico, Korea, Taiwan (*workshop dates Feb. 29-March 10, 2016; finalize assessment at ISC16; draft summary provided to IATTC in April 2016*)
2. The **2nd Pacific Bluefin Tuna Research Coordination** meeting: meeting dates March 15-16, 2016; goals (1) discuss research activities and progress since the 2015 meeting, (2) review and modify accordingly data gaps, research priorities, and collaborations, and (3) develop a budget to conduct requisite research (*final report available May 1, 2016*)
3. **ISC Management Strategy Evaluation Managers** workshop: Yokohama, Japan May 24-25, 2016; goal is to identify management objectives to test in an MSE framework; PFMC will send 3 representatives (*through 2018*)
4. Close-kin tissue sampling; ISC15 decision; sampling plan (n) and protocols developed (*underway*)

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1. U.S. **W**est Coast **R**egion **A**ction **P**lan (**WRAP**): jointly by NW, SWFSC and WCRO teams describes the regional implementation of the **N**OAA Fisheries **C**limate **S**cience **S**trategy (**NCSS**) including approaches to increase the production, delivery, and use of climate-related information in fulfilling NMFS mandates (*Working Copy for Public Comment by 17 March 2016 and request comments from PFMC by August 2016.*)
2. External **Review of SWFSC Ecosystem Science**: including habitat, oceanographic, climate and ecological programs of Science Centers. (*SWFSC review: the week of 18 April in La Jolla. We thank the PFMC and Mr. Kit Dahl for participating in the review.*)
3. The PFMC and the SWFSC will convene a public workshop **May 2–5, 2016** in La Jolla to develop methods for CPS stock assessments, with emphasis on the central subpopulation of northern anchovy.
<http://www.pcouncil.org/2016/03/40667/coastal-pelagic-species-stock-assessment-workshop/>
4. The **FSV Reuben Lasker** sails for her first fisheries mission this **March 2016** and conduct CPS and salmon surveys **through Sept 2016**.