

U.S.-CANADA ALBACORE TUNA TREATY

The current fishing regime under the U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty will expire at the end of the 2016 fishing season. (See Agenda Item I.3, Attachment 3 in reference to: [Agenda Item E.1.b, Supplemental NMFS Report 3, June 2014](#), for a summary of the current regime). If a new fishing regime is not agreed to by the start of the 2017 bilateral fishing season (June 15), albacore fishing by either country in the other country's exclusive economic zone would be eliminated.

The Canada-United States Albacore Treaty Data Working Group (DWG) met May 4, 2016, by teleconference. The minutes from that meeting are Attachment 1. As noted in the minutes, the exchanged data for catch and effort in each Exclusive Economic Zone through 2015 are available on the Council website as part of the Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE). Attachment 2 shows landings by the Albacore surface fishery for 2016 obtained from the PacFIN landings database through October 19, 2016.

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and/or the Department of State will report on any bilateral discussions that have occurred or are planned.

Council Action:

Provide Recommendations to NMFS and Department of State on Negotiating the Next Fishing Regime Under the U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item I.3, Attachment 1: Canada-United States Albacore Treaty Data Working Group (DWG) May 4, 2016, Meeting Minutes.
2. Agenda Item I.3, Attachment 2: 2016 Albacore Landings by the Surface (Troll and Baitboat) Fleet Reported in the PacFIN Data System as of October 19, 2016.
3. Agenda Item I.3, Attachment 3: June 2014 Agenda Item E.1.b, Supplemental NMFS Report 3.

Agenda Order:

- I.3 U.S.-Canada Albacore Tuna Treaty Kit Dahl
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Provide Recommendations to NMFS and Department of State on Negotiating the Next Fishing Regime Under the U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty

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