

CATCH ATTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENT FOR DRAFT LETTER OF INTENT BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

The following text is based on the catch attribution agreement reached in 2013, which was agreed to again in 2014. It would apply to any catches under the U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty indefinitely, and will be formalized when the Treaty amendments are concluded, expected in the near future.

1. In the event that an international fisheries management organization such as the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) adopts measures for international management of North Pacific albacore using a national catch allocation system, the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada (“the Governments”) intend that the portion of any national allocation received by Canada and the United States attributable to the catch taken in the EEZ of the other country be reallocated by each country to the country in whose EEZ that catch was taken, or intend to otherwise implement the national allocations in a manner that ensures that respective future fishing opportunities under international management reflect total catches in each country’s EEZ.
2. The Governments intend that the terms in paragraph 1 above with respect to future allocations be implemented in a cooperative and constructive manner, in good faith, and that the potential outcomes of the activities to be conducted in implementing the terms in paragraph 1 above should not serve as the basis for termination of a reciprocal fishing regime or the *Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Coast Albacore Tuna Vessels and Port Privileges signed at Washington May 26, 1981*. The Governments further intend to work together with a view toward coordinating positions and objectives within international fisheries management organizations such as the IATTC in the development of conservation and management measures for North Pacific Albacore, in particular any such measures related to international or national allocations and the manner and method of calculating such allocations.