

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The Plenary Session of the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) met July 11-18, 2017, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada (Attachment 1 is the Plenary Report). Dr. Gerard Dinardo, outgoing ISC Chair, will report on this meeting.

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) held its annual meeting July 24-28, 2017, in Mexico City. The attached NMFS Report 1 describes the outcomes of that meeting.

The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) is set to adopt a new tropical tuna measure at its annual meeting in December. To facilitate development of the measure, an intersessional meeting to further develop the draft Bridging Conservation and Management Measure (CMM) on Tropical Tuna is scheduled for August 22-24, 2017, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The Thirteenth Regular Session of the WCPFC Northern Committee is scheduled August 28-September 1, 2017 in Busan, Republic of Korea. A second joint Northern Committee-IATTC meeting on Pacific Bluefin Tuna Conservation Management will take place concurrently. In 2016, an outcome of the joint meeting was a commitment to adopt in 2017 a second rebuilding target to be achieved by 2030 (the current target is to be achieved by 2024). Ms. Dorothy Lowman, Council member and WCPFC Commissioner, will report on the outcomes of these meetings.

Council Action:

Consider Reports on International Activities and Provide Recommendations, as Appropriate.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item J.3, Attachment 1: Report of the Seventeenth Meeting of the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-Like Species in the North Pacific Ocean.
2. Agenda Item J.3.a, NMFS Report 1.

Agenda Order:

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| a. Report from the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean | Gerard DiNardo |
| b. Report from the Joint Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Northern Committee and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission Working Group on the Management of Pacific Bluefin Tuna | Dorothy Lowman |
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