

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS) REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL  
MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES FOR HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES

**Nominations for 2019-2022 General Advisory Committee and Scientific Advisory Subcommittee to the U.S. Section of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission**

NMFS recently published in the Federal Register ([83 FR 54573](#)) a solicitation for nominations to the General Advisory Committee (GAC) and a Scientific Advisory Subcommittee (SAS) to the U.S. section to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC). Complete applications are due by November 29, 2018. Details regarding application requirements and where to send them are outlined in the Federal Register Notice.

The 2015 amendments to the Tuna Conventions Act (TCA), among other things, established that the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall appoint a GAC and SAS. In addition, the chair of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel and chair of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council's Advisory Committee have ex-officio membership on the GAC. Prior to the amendment, the TCA directed the U.S. Department of State to appoint the GAC and SAS members.

On January 20, 2016, NMFS published a notice (80 FR 80741) to solicit nominations for the GAC and the SAS. The term of those appointed members is Spring 2016 - Spring 2019. As such, it is necessary to appoint new GAC and SAS members before the next meetings in Spring 2019 (through Spring 2021).