

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

At its September 2018 meeting, the Council requested analysis of historic fishing effort in the West Coast North Pacific albacore surface fishery to support discussions at the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) regarding effort limits consistent with Resolution C-05-02. Following this request, Council staff provided [Attachment 2](#) in the March 2019 briefing book which shows U.S. fishing effort in vessel days for the North Pacific albacore surface fleet as recorded and reported to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Northern Committee and the IATTC. Attachment 2 also shows that the average effort from 2000-2016 is 13,064 days, which is below the 2002-2004 average effort of 13,311 days.

The HMSMT notes that the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-Like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) Workshops on North Pacific albacore management strategy evaluation may eventually lead to the selection of a harvest strategy that could supersede the 2002-2004 effort limit reflected in the current IATTC and WCPFC measures. The HMSMT recommends the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel consider effort levels for other countries when determining the most appropriate period for an updated effort limit.

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