

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS) REPORT ON HIGHLY MIGRATORY
SPECIES (HMS) ACTIVITIES

Commercial Pacific Bluefin Tuna (PBF) Fishery Inseason Action

In accordance with the final rule implementing Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission Resolutions C-18-01 and C-18-02 ([84 FR 18409](#), May 1, 2019), on August 4, 2019, NMFS reduced the commercial PBF trip limit applicable to U.S. fishing vessels fishing in the eastern Pacific Ocean from 15 metric tons (mt) to 2 mt because we expected catch to reach 375 mt.¹ Subsequently, in consultation with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, NMFS estimated that 236 mt of 375 mt had been caught. Consequently, NMFS reversed the action by increasing the trip limit to 15 mt on August 11, 2019.

¹ Although the annual limit in 2019 is 425 mt, the rule states the trip limit shall be reduced to 2 mt when NMFS expects catch to reach 375 mt.