

## RECOMMEND INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Regional fishery management organization (RFMO) meetings of interest to the Council that occurred between the June and September Council meetings include the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-Like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) Plenary (July 11-15), the 94th Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) meeting (July 22-26), and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Northern Committee (NC) meeting (September 2-6).

The ISC reviewed one new benchmark assessment for Western and Central North Pacific Striped Marlin and reviewed conservation information for all northern stocks. The Plenary Report is available on the [ISC website](#).

At its 94th meeting, the IATTC adopted eight resolutions on a variety of issues including shark conservation measures, (illegal, unreported, unregulated [IUU]) fishing, and management of fish aggregating devices. Notably, the Commission did not adopt a proposal on Pacific bluefin tuna. Instead, the IATTC deferred consideration of future Pacific bluefin management to the during the IATTC / WCPFC-NC Joint Working Group on the Management of Pacific Bluefin Tuna (Joint Working Group [JWG]), which meets September 3-5 (see below). Agenda Item I.2.c, NMFS Report 1, includes a summary of meeting outcomes. Mr. Brett Wiedoff attended the IATTC meeting and will report to the Council under this agenda item.

The NC convenes on September 3rd in Portland, Oregon and then breaks for the convening of the the Fourth Session of the JWG which continues into the early afternoon of September 5th, at which time the NC reconvenes and considers JWG recommendations among other business. (On September 2nd a technical meeting on Pacific bluefin catch documentation is scheduled.) The JWG is co-chaired by Ms. Dorothy Lowman and Mr. Masa Miyahara. Ms. Lowman will provide a report to the Council on the outcomes of the JWG and NC deliberations. The Council also supported participation in these meetings by members of its Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) and HMS Management Team. Meeting information, agendas, and other information may be found on the [WCPFC website](#).

The Permanent Advisory Committee (PAC) to Advise the U.S. Commissioners to the WCPFC (PAC) will meet October 10-11. The purpose of the PAC is to provide stakeholder input to U.S. Commissioners about U.S. positions before the WCPFC. The PAC held a conference call on June 10. Attachment 1 is a draft list of priorities for U.S. positions discussed during the conference call. Dr. Kit Dahl is an ex-officio member of the PAC and Ms. Dorothy Lowman is a U.S. Commissioner. The Council may wish to review and comment on U.S. positions and PAC priorities. The Sixteenth Regular Session of the WCPFC is scheduled for December.

### **Council Action:**

**Provide Recommendations to the Permanent Advisory Committee on U.S. Positions at the 16th Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, as Appropriate.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item I.2, Attachment 1: Draft List of U.S. Priorities for the WCPFC.
2. Agenda Item I.2.c, NMFS Report 1.
3. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

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| I.2 Recommend International Management Activities   | Kit Dahl       |
| a. Report on the of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission's Northern Committee Activities  | Dorothy Lowman |
| b. Report on the 94th Meeting of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission  | Brett Wiedoff  |
| c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies  |                |
| d. Public Comment   |                |
| e. <b>Council Action:</b> Provide Recommendations to the Permanent Advisory Committee on U.S. Positions at the 16th Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, as Appropriate |                |

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