

## INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty governs access by albacore fishing vessels of each country to the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the other (see Attachment 1). Over the past decade “fishing regimes” have been periodically agreed to pursuant to the Treaty that specify access for the purpose of fishing and port privileges. In general, Canadian vessels fish in the U.S. EEZ more extensively than U.S. vessels do in the Canadian zone. U.S. vessels have a greater interest in accessing Canadian ports to deliver catch, service vessels, and pick up foreign crew. The current fishing regime applies to the period of June 15, 2017 to December 31, 2019. A new agreement will have to be negotiated before the start of the next fishing season on June 15, 2020. The State Department representative on the Council, Mr. David Hogan, will be available at this meeting to report on the status of Treaty negotiations and hear from stakeholders. The Council may wish to make recommendations for the terms of the next fishing regime.

The Fifteenth Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) occurred December 5-11, 2019. The meeting was attended by Council member Christa Sevansson and Council staff Kit Dahl. Attachment 2 is a letter from Michael Tosatto, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Pacific Islands Regional Administrator, summarizing meeting outcomes and providing an assessment of regulatory actions needed to implement Commission decisions. Attachment 3 is a more detailed summary of meeting outcomes issued by the WCPFC Secretariat. As of the advance briefing book deadline the text of adopted conservation and management measures had not been made available on the Commission web site.

Dorothy Lowman, current WCPFC Commissioner for the Pacific Council, will be on hand at this meeting to answer questions and receive Council guidance on ongoing WCPFC activities of interest to the Council.

NMFS has submitted a report for this item, included here.

### **Council Action:**

**Provide Recommendations on U.S. Positions at Upcoming Meetings Regarding the U.S./Canada Albacore Tuna Treaty and Other Forums, as Appropriate.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item I.3, Attachment 1: Treaty between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America on Pacific Coast Albacore Tuna Vessels and Port Privileges.
2. Agenda Item I.3, Attachment 2: Letter from Michael Tosatto to Archie Taotasi Soliai, Simon Kineen, and Phil Anderson summarizing WCPFC15 Outcomes.
3. Agenda Item I.3, Attachment 3: WCPFC Circular 2019/81, Outcomes Document for WCPFC16.
4. Agenda Item I.3.a, NMFS Report 1.
5. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

I.3 International Management Activities

- a. US-Canada Albacore Treaty Update
- b. Western and Central Pacific Fisheries  
Commission Report

Kit Dahl  
David Hogan

- c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment

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- e. **Council Action:** Provide Recommendations on U.S. Positions at Upcoming Meetings  
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