

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON  
INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

There was a positive response to the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council's) Highly Migratory Species (HMS) advisory body member participation at the Northern Committee (NC) meeting in Portland, OR in 2019. The involvement of the Council and its advisory body members at international meetings has demonstrated the value of improved understanding of the regional fisheries management organization process and has ensured industry and state engagement.

The Joint Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) - Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) NC Working Group (WG) on Pacific bluefin tuna meeting, scheduled to take place July 27-31, 2020, in Fukuoka, Japan, will address future management in consideration of the new stock assessment, which is of high importance to the Council and its stakeholders. This WG meeting will lead into Pacific bluefin tuna discussions at the IATTC meeting, scheduled for August 10-14, in La Jolla, CA. Continuity of participation at these meetings would be beneficial for Council involvement with domestic management of this stock.

The WCPFC NC meeting scheduled for September 2020, in Fukuoka, Japan, will address the new albacore stock assessment, another species of high importance to the Council and its stakeholders.

The Highly Migratory Species Management Team suggests the Council continue supporting the participation of HMS advisory body representatives at these, and other relevant international meetings, to convey the domestic importance of these stocks and provide context for future Council discussions.

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