

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

U.S. Priorities for Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) Meeting

As reported at the March 2020 Council meeting (see [Supplemental NMFS Report, Agenda Item I.3.a](#)), the United States has identified three priorities for the IATTC in 2020: (1) tropical tuna management measures, (2) Pacific bluefin tuna (PBF) management measures, and (3) selection of the Executive Director of the IATTC. The tropical tuna and PBF resolutions are expiring at the end of 2020, and the current Executive Director's term ended on August 26, 2020. In accordance with the IATTC Rules of Procedure, the Senior Policy Advisor will perform the duties of the Executive Director until an Executive Director is selected.

Update on Schedule of Upcoming International Meetings

The meeting dates of the IATTC Scientific Advisory Committee, annual meeting and subsidiary bodies, and Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP) have not yet been confirmed. Most recently, the IATTC Secretariat has proposed the following dates:

Scientific Advisory Committee (Phase II): September 21-26, 2020

AIDCP, IATTC, and Subsidiary Bodies: November 16-27, 2020

The Joint IATTC-Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Northern Committee (NC) Working Group (JWG) on PBF will meet virtually on October 5-6, 2020, followed by an NC meeting on October 7, 2020 (see Agenda Item E.1, Supplemental Attachments 2 and 3). If you are interested in participating on the U.S. delegations for the JWG, NC, or both, please contact Valerie Post (valerie.post@noaa.gov) by September 15, 2020, and note which meeting(s) you are interested in attending.

Additionally, the U.S. Government plans to host a General Advisory Committee and Scientific Advisory Subcommittee call in advance of the IATTC meeting, at a date to be determined.