

## H.2 International Management Activities (HMS)

### Council Action:

Provide Recommendations on U.S. Positions for the 18th Regular Session of the WCPFC and other Upcoming Meetings and Other Forums, as Appropriate.

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## **H2 – Bluefin Management**

I move that the Council recommend that NMFS implement the following trip limits for the 2022, 2023, and 2024 bluefin fishing seasons, depending upon actual annual limits each year:

### **2022**

The annual limit is 523 mt with an initial trip limit of 20 mt. The trip limit reduces as follows:

- January - June: When cumulative catch is within 323 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 15 mt. When catch is within 223 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 3 mt.
- July-September: When cumulative catch is within 273 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 15 mt. When catch is within 198 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 3 mt.
- October-December: When cumulative catch is within 223 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 15 mt. When catch is within 100 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 3 mt.

### **2023**

The annual limit is 720 mt with an initial trip limit of 30 mt. The trip limit is reduced as follows:

- January - June: When cumulative catch is within 320 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 20 mt. When catch is within 220 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 3 mt.
- July - September: When cumulative catch is within 290 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 20 mt. When catch is within 200 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 3 mt.
- October - December: When cumulative catch is within 250 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 20 mt. When catch is within 100 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 3 mt.

### **2024**

If annual limit is between 525 and 720 mt, the initial trip limit is 30 mt:

- January - June: When cumulative catch is within 320 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 20 mt. When catch is within 220 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 10 mt. When catch is within 150 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 3 mt.
- July - September: When cumulative catch is within 300 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 20 mt. When catch is within 200 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 10 mt. When catch is within 140 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 3 mt.
- October - December: When cumulative catch is within 250 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 20 mt. When catch is within 100 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 3 mt.

If the annual limit is between 400 mt and 524 mt, the initial trip limit is 20 mt:

- January - June: When cumulative catch is within 300 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 15 mt. When catch is within 200 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 3 mt.
- July-September: When cumulative catch is within 250 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 15 mt. When catch is within 150 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 3 mt.
- October-December: When cumulative catch is within 200 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 15 mt. When catch is within 100 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 3 mt.

If annual limit is between 297-399 mt, the initial trip limit is 15 mt:

- January-June: when cumulative catch is within 220 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 3 mt.
- July-September: when cumulative catch is within 200 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 3 mt.
- October-December: when cumulative catch is within 100 mt of the annual limit, the trip limit shall be 3 mt.

If the annual limit is 297 or less, the trip limit shall be 5 mt for the entire year.

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