

## INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Northern Committee (NC) is scheduled to meet virtually October 3-5, 2022 (Pacific Time). Any proposed measures adopted by the NC are forwarded for consideration by the full Commission at its Regular Session. Attachment 1 is the provisional annotated agenda for the meeting. Topics of most relevance for West Coast fisheries include any agreements to advance work on the management strategy evaluation of Pacific bluefin tuna and progress on the development of the harvest strategy for North Pacific albacore tuna. [Korea submitted a proposed modification to Conservation and Management Measure \(CMM\) 2021-03](#) (Conservation and Management Measure for Pacific Bluefin Tuna) to address catch overages in its set net fishery. The NC agreed to continue discussing this proposal at its next meeting in 2023. As reported in September, the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission adopted elements of a North Pacific albacore harvest strategy at its August 1-5 meeting as [Resolution C-22-04](#). The NC Chair submitted [NC18-WP-03](#), proposing revisions to the current WCPFC harvest strategy to largely mirror Resolution C-22-04. With additional revisions, the NC recommended the WCPFC adopt the harvest strategy at its next Regular Session. The annotated agenda also notes that the NC may consider a target reference point and associated harvest control rule for North Pacific swordfish. Japan submitted a [proposed CMM for the management of North Pacific swordfish](#) in the Convention Area north of 20° N latitude. The NC recommended that the WCPFC adopt the CMM at its next Regular Session. Also of interest are working papers compiling member reports of fishing effort and catch for North Pacific albacore ([WP-01](#)) and Pacific bluefin tuna ([WP-02](#)). All meeting materials may be found on the WCPFC website on the [NC18 meeting page](#). The meeting report is provided as Attachment 2. National Marine Fisheries Service will also submit a supplemental report summarizing meeting outcomes.

The WCPFC Permanent Advisory Committee will meet October 27-28; outcomes of that meeting will be reported to the Council.

The WCPFC will hold its Nineteenth Regular Session November 27 to December 3 in Da Nang, Vietnam. While this meeting will address a range of issues, actions related to northern stocks would be of particular interest to the Council.

The current three-year fishing regime pursuant to the U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty expires at the end of 2022. The Treaty establishes privileges allowing vessels of each country to fish in the other country's Exclusive Economic Zone. The regime establishes specific access conditions. Mr. David Hogan, the Department of State representative on the Council, will brief the Council on negotiations on a new fishing regime. The two governments should agree to a new regime before the start of the next fishing season on June 15, 2023.

### **Council Action:**

**Provide Recommendations on U.S. Positions at Upcoming Meetings and Other Forums, as Appropriate.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.2, Attachment 1: Provisional Annotated Agenda October 4-6, 2022 (Japan Standard Time) WCPFC Northern Committee Eighteenth Regular Session.
2. Agenda Item G.2, Attachment 2 (**Electronic Only**): Summary Report of the Eighteenth Regular Session of the Northern Committee.
3. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- G.2 International Management Activities Kit Dahl
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Provide Recommendations on U.S. Positions at Upcoming Meetings and Other Forums, as Appropriate

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