INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The Nineteenth Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC19) was held in Danang, Vietnam, November 27-December 3, 2022. The meeting was attended by Ms. Christa Svensson, as the Pacific Council designated U.S. Commissioner, and Dr. Kit Dahl, Council staff. Attachment 1 is a high-level summary of Commission actions and decisions. Attachment 2 is a staff report highlighting outcomes that may be of particular interest to the Council. NMFS Report 1 is a letter from Sarah Malloy, Acting Regional Administrator, Pacific Islands Region, summarizing WCPFC19 outcomes. Ms. Svensson will provide an oral report on the meeting.

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) hosted a U.S. stakeholder virtual public meeting to discuss North Pacific albacore management on February 15, 2023 (<u>88 FR 2888</u>).

Negotiations between the U.S. and Canada on the Albacore Treaty are ongoing and should be concluded before the next Treaty fishing season begins on June 15th. Any substantive progress will be reported on.

NMFS Report 2 provides updates on upcoming Regional Fishery Management Organizations meetings.

Council Action:

Provide Recommendations on U.S. Positions for Upcoming Regional Fishery Management Organization Meetings and Other Forums, as Appropriate.

Reference Materials:

- 1. Agenda Item I.2, Attachment 1: WCPFC19 Provisional Outcomes Document.
- 2. Agenda Item I.2, Attachment 2: Staff Summary of the Outcomes of the Nineteenth Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission.
- 3. Agenda Item I.2.b, NMFS Report 1: February 8, 2023, Letter from Sarah Malloy, Acting Regional Administrator, Pacific Islands Region, to Council Chairs summarizing WCPFC19 Outcomes.
- 4. Agenda Item I.2.b, NMFS Report 2: Regional Fishery Management Organizations Meetings.
- 5. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see e-portal).

Agenda Order:

I.2 International Management Activities

- Kit Dahl
- a. Report on the Nineteenth Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries
 Commission Christa Svensson
- b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action**: Provide Recommendations on U.S. Positions for Upcoming Regional Fishery Management Organization Meetings and Other Forums, as Appropriate