

INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The 20th Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC20) was held December 4-8, 2023, in Rarotonga, Cook Islands. Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) member Christa Svensson attended the meeting in her capacity as a U.S. Commissioner along with Kit Dahl, Council staff. Attachment 1 describes provisional meeting outcomes while Attachment 2 flags outcomes of particular interest to the Council.

The U.S. and Canada held a bilateral meeting November 27, 2023, to negotiate an access regime for the 2024 albacore fishing season pursuant to the U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty. No agreement was reached. Under this agenda item Mr. Dave Hogan, Department of State Council member, will update the Council on the status of negotiations.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Report 1 describes U.S. priorities for upcoming regional fishery management organization meetings and provides a schedule for those meetings. It also provides additional details on U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty negotiations.

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: Provisional Meeting Outcomes and Attachments of the 20th Regular Session of the WCPFC (*Electronic Only*).
2. Agenda Item I.2, Attachment 2: Staff Summary of WCPFC20 Outcomes of Interest to the Council.
3. Agenda Item I.2.a, NMFS Report 1.
4. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

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| I.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 for Upcoming Regional Fishery Management Organization Meetings and Other Forums, as Appropriate | |