

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

**North Pacific Albacore U.S. stakeholder meeting**

The U.S. stakeholder webinar that was scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 20th is postponed until further notice. NMFS will publish a Federal Register notice to announce the new meeting date and time once finalized.

**U.S.-Canada Albacore Tuna Treaty status**

Negotiations for the U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty for a fishing access regime for 2025 are currently postponed.

**Upcoming international meetings**

*(see below for list of acronyms)*

<u><a href="#">IATTC-related meetings</a></u>	
Joint IATTC - WCPFC NC Working Group (JWG) Meeting on the Management of Pacific bluefin tuna intersessional meeting	February 5-7, 2025 (Monterey, CA)
IATTC data improvement workshop	February 18-20, 2025 (virtual)
IATTC climate change workshop	February 24-26, 2025 (virtual)
IATTC circle hook workshop	March 17-19, 2025 (virtual)
External Review of the EASI-fish Vulnerability Assessment Approach	March 24-28, 2025 (virtual)
Meeting of the Parties to the AIDCP (Extraordinary)	March 25-26, 2025 (hybrid)
Intersessional Meeting of the Committee on Administration and Finance - Extraordinary	April 22-24, 2025 (virtual)
Ad Hoc Working Group on Electronic Monitoring	May (final date pending) 2025 (virtual)
Permanent WG on Ecosystem and Bycatch	May 26-27, 2025 (San Diego, CA)
Ad Hoc Working Group on FADs	May 28-29, 2025 (San Diego, CA)
Tropical Tuna WS/WG on WS Management and Strategy Evaluation	May 30-31, 2025 (San Diego, CA)

Scientific Advisory Committee	June 2-6, 2025 (San Diego, CA)
Ninth Joint IATTC-NC Working Group Meeting on PBF Management	July 9-12 (Japan)
Northern Committee 21	July 14-15 (Japan)
U.S. Advisory Committees (SAS and GAC)	July 30-31 (TBD)
Annual meetings of the AIDCP, of the IATTC, and their Subsidiary Bodies	August 26-Sep 5, 2025 (in person)
Meeting of the Parties to the AIDCP and Meetings of its Subsidiary Bodies	October 22-24, 2025 (hybrid)

**WCPFC**

Joint IATTC - WCPFC NC Working Group (JWG) Meeting on the Management of Pacific bluefin tuna intersessional meeting	February 5-7, 2025 (Monterey, CA)
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**ISC**

ISC 25	June 17-20 (Korea)
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**List of Acronyms**

**AIDCP** - Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program

**FADs** - Fish Aggregating Devices

**GAC** - General Advisory Committee

**IATTC** - Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission

**ISC** - International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean

**JWG** - Joint Working Group

**NC** - Northern Committee

**NPALB** - North Pacific Albacore

**PBF** - Pacific Bluefin Tuna

**PFMC** - Pacific Fishery Management Council

**SAS** - Scientific Advisory Committee

**WCPFC** - Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

**WG** - Working Group

**WS** - Workshop