

## INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Several upcoming international meetings will be held in the latter half of 2025 with outcomes that may have effects on the management of West Coast highly migratory species (HMS) fisheries. The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Convention (IATTC) Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) will meet June 2-6 in La Jolla, California, to consider preliminary results of the Pacific bluefin tuna (PBF) management strategy evaluation (MSE). The preliminary results of the MSE should be available in supplemental BB materials.

The International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) is expected to finalize the PBF MSE at its plenary meeting (June 17-20) in Korea. The IATTC-Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Joint Working Group (JWG) on PBF will meet July 9-12 in Toyama, Japan, followed by the Northern Committee meeting July 14-15, at the same venue.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) hosted a north Pacific albacore webinar on April 25, 2025, to 1) gather stakeholder input on translating fishing intensity to management measures (e.g., catch, effort) in the harvest strategy, 2) gather stakeholder input on criteria for identifying exceptional circumstances for the north Pacific albacore MSE that were developed by the ISC Albacore Working Group (ALBWG), and 3) provide an update on development of electronic logbooks. A workshop report was not available by the advanced June Briefing Book deadline. In addition, the ISC's [ALBWG](#) met March 10-14, 2025, in Taipei, where several technical papers were presented.

U.S.-Canada negotiations on albacore tuna are not proceeding at this time. A March 4, 2025 email from David Hogan (U.S. Department of State and Council member) stated *“The Department of State, based on guidance to agencies from the Trump Administration, has paused international engagements in legally binding negotiations and other actions and fora. This includes the ongoing negotiations under the U.S.-Canada Pacific Albacore Tuna Treaty. There is a process to seek a waiver to the pause but the process is taking time, with prioritization of near-term events across all policy areas and agencies. We do not have a sense of whether or when we might receive approval to resume negotiations with Canada.”*

The Council may wish to provide recommendations on U.S. positions at the upcoming JWG, WCPFC NC, and IATTC meetings related to the results and management implications of the PBF MSE, as well as potential modifications to the North Pacific Albacore Harvest Strategy.

### **Council Action:**

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

### **Reference Materials:**

1. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

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- 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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