

Agenda Item J.3 Yellowfin Tuna Overfishing Response

Review Status and Develop a Pacific Council Position on an Overfishing Response for Yellowfin Tuna for Public Review, as Appropriate.

To address the overfishing status of the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) stock of yellowfin tuna, pursuant to Section 304(i) MSA, the Council recommends:

1. to the Secretary of Commerce, making no changes to domestic fishing regulations at this time, and
2. to the Secretary of State and Congress, that tasks intended to improve the assessment model for EPO yellowfin be prioritized among others in the IATTC scientific staff's work plan, including examining sensitivity of the model to the 2018 catch-per-unit-effort longline data and obtaining the necessary additional data to explore spatial and temporal factors (e.g., fleet behavior).

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