

INFORMATION ABOUT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS  
ON U.S.–CANADA ALBACORE TREATY

On Wed, Feb 15, 2012 at 11:23 AM, David F Hogan (OES) wrote:

Colleagues –

In consultation with Mark Helvey I am writing to provide you with an update on the various matters that are being taken up on the future of the U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty.

Economic Implications - Some initial work from the economics work group may be available shortly and either Mark or I will provide folks with a more specific update when available.

Code of Conduct - In Vancouver the two sides agreed that using case studies to identify ways to improve interactions on the fishing grounds, including possibly through another iteration of a code of conduct, might be a productive way to alleviate some of the negative feelings on a reciprocal fishing regime. A solicitation of examples generated a few concrete cases but also a lot of negative feedback that this exercise would not be useful or produce anything new to address the circumstances, so without a substantiated issue and a broad willingness to contribute to a solution it may be that this is no longer of interest to the U.S. delegation, leading to consideration of suspension of this work.

Next Bilateral Meeting - Due to unforeseen circumstances that created a scheduling conflict we were not able to schedule the next session of bilateral negotiations in March as we had discussed in Vancouver. Due to various other international and domestic fisheries activities the next best dates that worked for both governments are April 11-12. I regret that this scheduling may not be ideal for all participants but there was a dearth of viable alternatives that would have warranted broader coordination to pick dates. The venue remains the NMFS office in Portland, Oregon, located at:

1201 NE Lloyd Blvd, Suite 1100 Portland, OR 97232

Lodging in Portland can be secured by individual participants at their discretion (we looked at blocking off rooms but we are not able to guarantee the specific number of rooms that would be booked so that didn't work out). As a suggestion, there are two hotels that are very close (walking distance) to the NMFS offices. The closest hotel is the Doubletree which is across the street. The next closest hotel is a Courtyard just around the corner. The contact info for both hotels follows:

Doubletree by Hilton, 1000 NE Multnomah Street, Portland, Oregon 97232; Phone: [503.281.6111](tel:503.281.6111)

Courtyard Portland Downtown/Lloyd Center, 435 NE Wasco St, Portland, Oregon 97232; Phone: [503-234-3200](tel:503-234-3200)

Del calls to prep for next meeting - Mark or I will be in touch to ascertain availability for a delegation conference calls. Ideally we would have more than one call as the first one would be to discuss the outcomes of the work groups and to identify viable areas to explore as options for

a new regime, if any. A second (and additional, as needed) call would be used to come to some concrete terms of what, if anything, the United States might propose to Canada regarding the future of the reciprocal fishing regime and/or the Treaty itself. We will also be considering the scheduling of a delegation meeting once we are in Portland, possibly the morning of April 11; further specifics on that will follow when we are closer to the meeting dates.

Please feel free to circulate to others that were not included on this msg.

Thanks,

DFH

David F. Hogan  
Deputy Director Office of Marine Conservation (OES/OMC)  
U.S. Department of State

This email is UNCLASSIFIED