

Participants in most federally managed fisheries in the NMFS Southeast Region are currently required to keep and submit catch and effort logbooks from their fishing trips. A subset of fishermen on these vessels also provides information on the species and quantities of fish, shellfish, marine turtles, and marine mammals that are caught and discarded or have interacted with the fishing gear. A subset of fishermen on these vessels also provides information about dockside prices, trip operating costs, and annual fixed costs. An intercept survey for vessels with Federal charter vessel/headboat permits is designed to support and validate the electronic logbooks.

The data are used for scientific analyses that support critical conservation and management decisions made by national and international fishery management organizations. Interaction reports are needed for fishery management planning and to help protect endangered species and marine mammals. Price and cost data will be used in analyses of the economic effects of proposed and existing regulations.

Regulatory Amendment 29 effective July 15, 2020 would require at least one descending device to be on board and ready for use on commercial, for-hire, and private recreational vessels while fishing for or possessing snapper-grouper species in the South Atlantic. Most recently the Descend Act was passed, which added a new section 321 to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. This requires commercial and recreational fishermen to possess a venting tool or descending device that is rigged and ready for use when fishing for reef fish in the Gulf of Mexico Exclusive Economic Zone.

Descending devices increase survivability from barotrauma, which is injury caused by internal gas expansion when reeled up from depth. In addition to being asked to report the number of fish released respondents would be asked to report the method used to release fish as part of their current logbook submissions. The purpose of asking respondents to distinguish between fish releases without descending devices, fish released with gas bladders vented, and fish released with descending devices is to provide data needed by NMFS to accurately account for fishing mortality when performing stock assessments.

**Affected Public:** Businesses or other for-profit organizations; individuals.

**Frequency:** Monthly for no activity or once per fishing trip.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Mandatory.

**Legal Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*  
This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0648–0016.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### North Pacific Albacore United States Stakeholder Meeting; Meeting Announcement

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces a U.S. stakeholder meeting open to the public to discuss North Pacific albacore (NPALB) management. This meeting is intended to prepare for potential discussions at the 2022 annual meetings of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Northern Committee (WCPFC NC) on a harvest strategy for NPALB fisheries. The meeting topics are described under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**DATES:** The virtual meeting will be held on April 5, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. HST (or until business is concluded). You must complete the registration process by March 29, 2022, if you plan to attend the meeting (see **ADDRESSES**). Members of the public may submit written comments on meeting topics or materials to Valerie Post at [valerie.post@noaa.gov](mailto:valerie.post@noaa.gov) by March 29, 2022, and may also provide oral comments during the virtual meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** If you plan to attend the meeting, which will be held by webinar, please register at <https://forms.gle/eoY4EPsnkdLTyJMP7>. Instructions for attending the meeting will be emailed to meeting participants before the meeting occurs.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Valerie Post, Pacific Islands Regional Office at [valerie.post@noaa.gov](mailto:valerie.post@noaa.gov), (808) 725–5034.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 2021, the International Scientific Committee on Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) completed a management strategy evaluation (MSE) on NPALB,<sup>1</sup> and the ISC Albacore Working Group hosted a meeting among U.S. and Canadian stakeholders from March 22–25, 2021, to review the results of the MSE. As a follow-up to the ISC meeting in March 2021, NMFS hosted a U.S. virtual meeting on June 1, 2021, for U.S. stakeholders to express their priorities and consider future management of NPALB. This April 5 meeting, is intended to follow up to the June 2021 webinar, as well as to prepare for anticipated discussions at the IATTC and WCPFC NC.

#### NPALB U.S. Stakeholder Meeting Topic

This meeting agenda will be distributed to participants in advance of the meeting. The meeting agenda will include a discussion on a potential future harvest strategy for NPALB and may include, but is not limited to, candidate limit and target reference points.

#### Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be indicated when registering for the meeting (see **ADDRESSES**) by March 29, 2022.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 951 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, and 16 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*

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<sup>1</sup> [http://isc.fra.go.jp/working\\_groups/albacore.html](http://isc.fra.go.jp/working_groups/albacore.html).