

# **Results of NC21 and JWG10**

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# Results of NC-IATTC JWG10 (Pacific Bluefin Tuna)

The JWG10 reviewed the MSE results presented by the ISC but could not agree on one Harvest Control Rule among the options.

It affirmed the commitment to complete work related to the long-term harvest strategy, catch documentation scheme, and amendments to MCS in 2026.

## 2025:

- JWG Members work to support progress on the long-term harvest strategy through bilateral and multilateral meetings conducted on the margins of the IATTC and WCPFC meetings.
- JWG Members will communicate their preferences to the JWG Co-Chairs by December 2025 so that they can make arrangements for *virtual or in-person intersessional meeting(s)* as needed.
- ISC begins work to develop guidance and criteria for defining exceptional circumstances, particularly with respect to risks related to low recruitment, to be provided to JWG11.

## **2026:**

- The JWG will hold *intersessional meetings* as needed to finalize the long-term harvest strategy at JWG11.
- JWG recommends a long-term harvest strategy, including additional management measures triggered by exceptional circumstances, which will be implemented in 2027.
- JWG recommends a *CDS CMM/resolution*.
- JWG recommends amendments to existing *MCS CMM/resolution* after reviewing reports on implementation of PBF measures.”

# **Results of NC21**

## **1. Pacific Bluefin Tuna**

- NC21 endorsed the results of JWG10.

## 2. North Pacific Albacore

- NC21 agreed to use the criteria for exceptional circumstances recommended by ISC.
- NC21 discussed how fishing intensity should be interpreted to actual management measures under the harvest strategy for North Pacific albacore.
- It cannot reach a consensus but agreed to continue the discussion in NC22.
- NC21 agreed to request the ISC to provide such estimates based on fishing intensity during the time periods of 2002-2004 and 1999-2015, and to guide fleet-specific reductions in fishing intensity should the female spawning stock biomass fall below the threshold reference point as mandated by the harvest strategy.

### **3. North Pacific swordfish**

- NC21 agreed to initiate MSE for this stock and tasked ISC to develop a work plan. It will discuss the candidate's operational management objectives for this stock in NC22.

### **4. Other matters**

- NC is still considering its vice-Chair and will continue the discussion in WCPFC22.