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U.S. Stakeholder Meeting on Pacific Bluefin Tuna Fishery Management

Framework; Meeting Announcement

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS is holding a meeting to discuss the future management of the U.S. West Coast Pacific bluefin tuna (PBF) fishery, including management objectives and a management framework.

DATES: The meeting will be held April 23, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. PST, or until business concludes.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 3400 at the Glenn M. Anderson Federal Building, 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, California 90802. Please notify Eric Poncelet (meeting facilitator), at eponcelet@kearnswest.com or (415) 697-0566 by April 9, 2020, if you plan to attend. If interested members of the public cannot reasonably attend the meeting in person, NMFS may provide for a teleconference phone line or webinar for such members if a request is made to the meeting facilitator; however, participation by teleconference or webinar may be limited in a reasonable manner to facilitate discussion. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional

information on attendance, participation instructions, and meeting materials.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Celia Barroso, West Coast Region, NMFS, at *Celia.Barroso@noaa.gov*, or at (562) 432-1850.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Stakeholders have expressed an interest in developing management objectives and a long-term management framework for PBF. In September 2018, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) recommended that its Highly Migratory Species Management Team develop a long-term management strategy for PBF (see the PFMC’s “September 2018 Decision Summary Document” at https://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/0918_Decision_Summary_DocumentV2.pdf). On May 2, 2019, NMFS held a stakeholder meeting in which participants discussed potential management objectives and strategies to achieve those objectives for the domestic commercial PBF fishery (see the NMFS report to the June PFMC meeting at https://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/J2b_Sup_NMFS_Rpt3_JUN2019BB.pdf). The upcoming meeting scheduled for April 23, 2020, is intended to follow up the discussion from the 2019 stakeholder meeting as well as provide an opportunity for early comments on how to implement a new Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) resolution on PBF conservation and management for 2021-2022 that NMFS anticipates the IATTC will adopt at its annual meeting in August 2020. In order to facilitate discussion, NMFS strongly encourages in-person participation at the meeting location described in the **ADDRESSES** section if possible. NMFS will email attendance instructions and background materials to the meeting participants who notify the meeting facilitator as

described in the **ADDRESSES** section.

PBF U.S. Stakeholder Meeting Topics

The PBF U.S. stakeholder meeting topics will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) An overview of international management of PBF and current management of the U.S. PBF fishery; and,
- (2) Potential management options for 2021-2022 and in the long-term.

Special Accommodations

The meeting location is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Celia Barroso, at *Celia.Barroso@noaa.gov* or (562) 432-1850, by April 2, 2020.

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

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