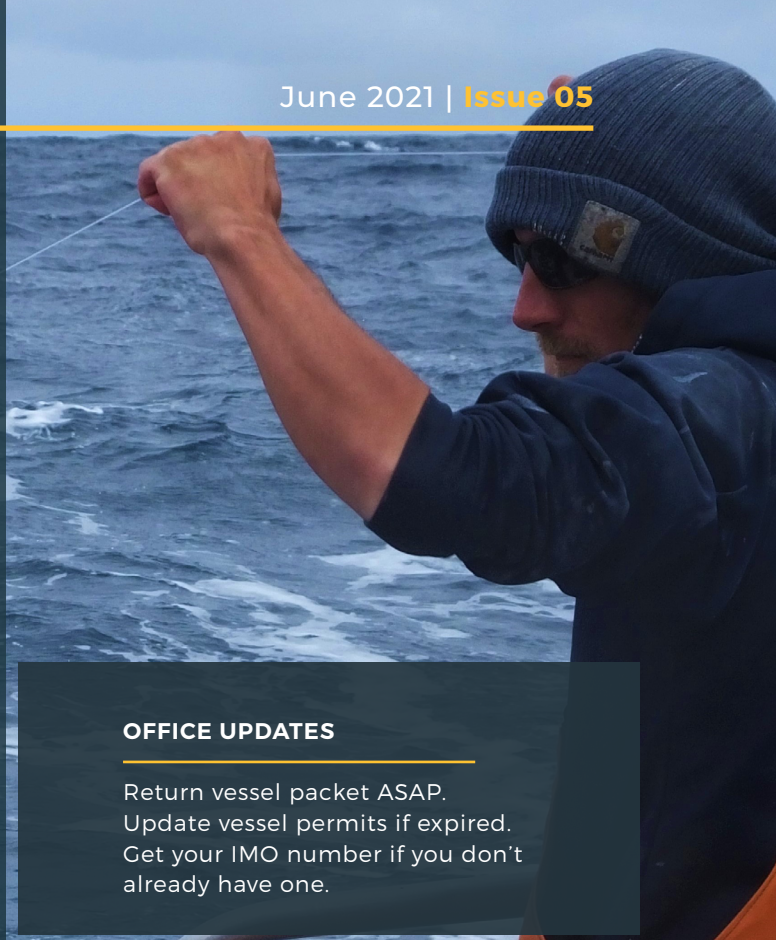




# What **AAFA** Is Doing For You

## Sustainability into 2021

AAFA seeks to ensure responsible fishery management practices and the participation of vital fishing communities. It supports education regarding responsible fishing methods and promotes the health benefits of tuna consumption along with environmental benefits of sustainable fishery practices.



### OFFICE UPDATES

Return vessel packet ASAP.  
Update vessel permits if expired.  
Get your IMO number if you don't already have one.

## Consultant Reporting: Mike Conroy

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2021**

### THE EXECUTIVE ORDER ON TACKLING THE CLIMATE CRISIS AT HOME AND ABROAD

On May 6, the Administration published [Conserving and Restoring American the Beautiful](#) which lays out its vision for implementation of the 30 x 30 initiative. AAFA will remain engaged - at all levels - to ensure the Report's guiding principles and messages are not forgotten.

### COVID-19

All west coast states have completed the application process for shares of the CARES Act \$300m from last spring Oregon.

The December Consolidated Appropriations Act included an additional \$300M in fisheries assistance (\$255M of which covers non-tribal or Great Lakes fisheries assistance). The allocations for the west coast states are as follows:

California	\$15,485,930
Oregon	\$13,487,797
Washington	\$40,000,000

Each State will develop its own spend plan. We are engaged with the state of California and are helping inform their spend plan. We encourage folks to reach out to Oregon and Washington DFWs in order

to get a feel for what they are planning this time around.

### DOMESTIC MANAGEMENT - PFMC

The PFMC will be reviewing all advisory subpanels starting in June. It is likely there will be opportunities for AAFA members to participate in the Council's management processes. We will keep folks informed as we learn more.

The June meeting does have HMS items on the Agenda; but nothing specific to albacore at this time. Marine Planning, which includes offshore wind and aquaculture, will also be discussed.





## Consultant Reporting: Mike Conroy - Continued

### WIND FARMS – GENERALLY

If you have not been following offshore wind off the West Coast, or think there is no way it will happen, it is time to start paying attention. We expect further actions off all three west coast states as they (with the federal government's blessing) pursue offshore wind energy.

The PFMC has created a new page devoted to offshore wind news - [Offshore Wind News - Pacific Fishery Management Council \(pcouncil.org\)](#).

We have participated in a number of webinars/workshops related too offshore wind off the West Coast.

### WIND FARMS OFF THE CALIFORNIA COAST

On May 25, the White House and the Governor of the State of California agree to accelerate wind energy offshore the central and northern coasts of California.

See: <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/biden-harris-administration-advances-offshore-wind-pacific>.

The Humboldt Call Area appears ready to be called a

Wind Energy Area – which precedes leasing. The [Morro Bay Call Area is proposed to be expanded](#) – which may lead to it having to be renoticed as a new Call Area; but I think the Secretary of the Interior has some discretion to modify boundaries under certain circumstances.

### OFFSHORE RENEWABLES OFF THE OREGON COAST

On May 12 & 13, BOEM and the State of Oregon held virtual informational meetings on offshore wind energy planning to share updates on current outreach and engagement activities to inform possible offshore wind energy leasing along the Oregon coast. Recordings of the event are available via the following link: [Oregon Offshore Wind Energy Planning Public Webinars | Bureau of Ocean Energy Management \(boem.gov\)](#).

### OFFSHORE RENEWABLES OFF THE WASHINGTON COAST

On Friday, May 29, we heard that a developer was proposing for a 102 square mile offshore wind project off Grays Harbor. We are unaware if the location would be in Federal or State waters. Supposedly it is going to be presented to the WCMAC on June 8.



# OTHER ITEMS & UPDATES

Mike Conroy  
(continued)

## OTHER ITEMS WHICH AROSE PREVIOUSLY & CONTINUED THROUGH MAY 31, 2021.

- As a reminder – if you encounter any net marked fish this summer, please report those here - [Net-marked albacore \(netmarkedalbacore.com\)](https://netmarkedalbacore.com/).
- On May 11, the Illegal Fishing and Forced Labor Prevention Act was introduced. See - [https://huffman.house.gov/imo/media/doc/SEAFOODLABOR\\_01\\_xml\\_final%20v2.pdf](https://huffman.house.gov/imo/media/doc/SEAFOODLABOR_01_xml_final%20v2.pdf). We are working to make changes to the portion of the bill related to expanded AIS requirements.
- Hawaiian longline fleet expresses concern re the Chinese fleet(s) - [Hawaii's Fishermen Are Worried About China's Fleet, So Is The Military](#) - Honolulu Civil Beat
- AAFA has been made aware of two separate actions initiated by Customs and Border Protection, in collaboration with USCG. One of these, [focused improper use of paper captains](#) and the other on failure to detain a non-citizen crewmember in accordance with the law. This will be discussed during the upcoming General Meeting before the season starts.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AS OF 5/2

**JUNE 1:** U.S. STAKEHOLDER MEETING RE NORTH PACIFIC ALBACORE MSE

**JUNE 15:** CALIFORNIA OCEAN PROTECTION COUNCIL MEETING IN WHICH OFFSHORE WIND WILL BE DISCUSSED

**JUNE 22 - 29:** PFMC MEETING (HMS WILL BE ON THE AGENDA)

**JUNE 24:** BOEM-CALIFORNIA INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE MEETING



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## World Oceans Day

The United Nations has designated **June 8th as World Oceans Day**. The theme this year will be: **"The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods"**.

World Ocean Day is a day for all to celebrate the ocean, celebrate the vastness and beauty of the ocean, celebrate the food and economy it provides to coastal communities all over the world, and to remind us all to respect our ocean and our marine life.

There is a big drive to clean up our oceans, we all need to play a part in this effort. AAFA will collaborate with IPNLF International Pole and Life Foundation on a social media campaign on June 8th. Please, like and share when you see on FB and Instagram and hashtag the following: #AAFA #protectusfishermen #IPNLF. Our goal is to reach as many consumers worldwide with this social media campaign as possible. Create awareness for our AAFA fishery which is "one by one, low impact" fishing with little to no by catch.

## Plastic Neutral Program

AAFA is committed to the protection of our oceans, and show the world, fishermen do not dump plastic in the ocean. Our unloading stations are committed to the plastic neutral program, we should too! It's simple, separate your plastic from all other trash. All boats that participate will receive a RIO "Restoring Integrity to the Oceans" certificate. More information will be provided on our June 10th Zoom call.

## Social Media Campaign on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

This past month we have had some great interaction on our social media, I would like to thank the membership for liking and sharing our posts. **Tuna Fact Monday** has received some great response, if you have a tuna fact that you would like to share, please reach out, would be delighted to post.



*Example of our latest Tuna Fact Monday: Tuna breathes oxygen from the water and because of that it needs to swim constantly. They can travel large distances in a short period of time, they can cross the entire Atlantic in 30 days traveling 16 miles per hour. #aafa #protectusfishermen*

You will notice we have been addressing **Seaspiracy** claims. Our goal is to educate the consumer on the facts of our fishery, sharing by our membership is critical to reaching a larger audience. One of our posts reached 3,920 people, with 27 shares and comments. I was able to interact with and explain our fishery. This is our goal, educate the consumer on the facts.

## Calling out for Tuna Recipes

With the "albacore tuna" season just around the corner, it's time to begin thinking of those tuna recipes that we can't wait to begin making. Let's share these recipes, there are consumers that are looking for something different, who better than our AAFA Membership to provide them. Please email [tunamedia@americanalbacore.com](mailto:tunamedia@americanalbacore.com). We will post the recipes on our social media and share with the world. Friday Tuna Recipe Day:-)