



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.



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October 2021

COVID-19

The CA DFW spend plan was approved on August 27 – applications to be available soon; and applications were made available on October 4 and can be accessed via - <https://reli-ef.psmfc.org/california-cares-act-in-formation/>. Please note – the deadline for submitting your application is 11:59PM on November 17.

US – CANADA PACIFIC ALBACORE TREATY

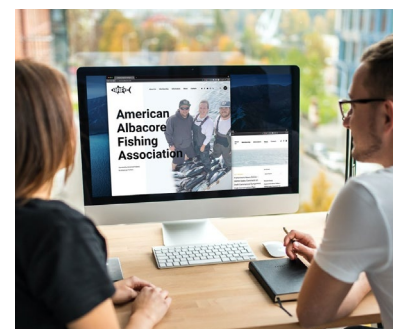
As of October 1, there is no update of the status of the proposed MPA off the Canadian West Coast.

DOMESTIC MANAGEMENT – PFMC

Nominations for ALL seats on the HMSAS are now being accepted through October 22nd. If anyone has an interest in applying, reach out to the AAFA Office for further information.

During the September PFMC meeting, the Council submitted comment letters on items (1), (2) and (3). There were some HMS items on the September meeting Agenda. While there were no Agenda items specific to North Pacific Albacore, we did learn from NMFS that International management of the stock is likely in the very near future,

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WIND FARMS OFF THE CALIFORNIA COAST

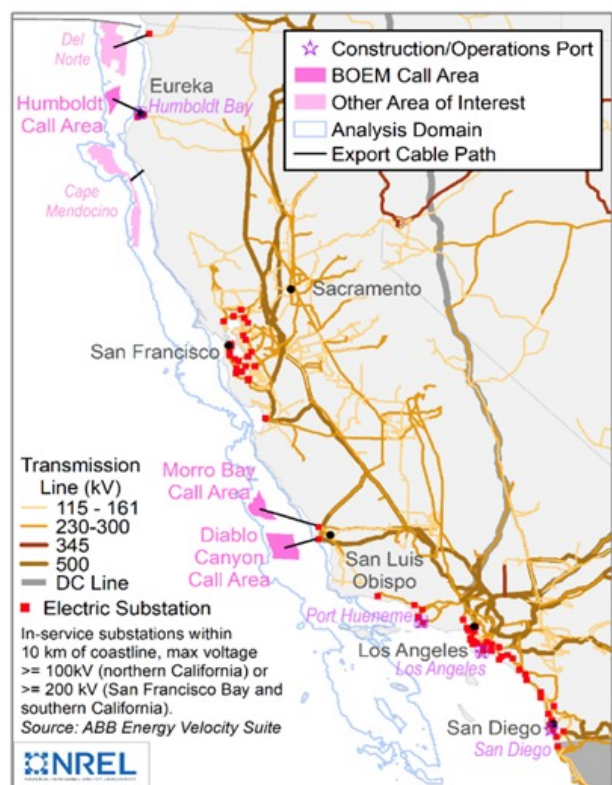
On July 16, the California State Lands Commission released a Draft Preliminary Environmental Assessment for public review on the two pilot projects. The Commission will review these applications during its October meeting

OFFSHORE RENEWABLES OFF THE OREGON COAST

The BOEM-Oregon Intergovernmental Task Force is scheduled to meet on October 21 and it is expected that Draft Call Areas off the Oregon Coast will be announced at that meeting. You can pre-register to attend this meeting via a link on the BOEM-Oregon Task Force website <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/2021-task-force-meeting-nine>.

OTHER ITEMS WHICH AROSE PREVIOUSLY AND CONTINUED THROUGH OCTOBER 5, 2021

The California Air Resources Board continues to move forward with amending their commercial harbor craft regulations. The most recent version was released on September 24. CARB will hold a hearing on this on November 19. At first blush, the commercial fishing industry is still receiving favorable treatment compared to other commercial harbor craft.



An article was published in Civil Beat which postulated that South Pacific albacore are spawning less - <https://www.civilbeat.org/2021/09/albacore-tuna-are-spawning-less-and-thats-worrying-some-south-pacific-nations/>. In conversations with scientists, the belief this article is misleading and that there isn't less spawning occurring.

On September 20, Seafood Source published an article entitled High material, transportation costs continue to impact US seafood industry. "A record-breaking 73 ships were waiting at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach on 20 September, according to the Marine Exchange of Southern California, per The Wall Street Journal, with the average wait time for ships to get into Los Angeles extending out to 8.5 days, also a record." See - High material, transportation costs continue to impact US seafood industry (seafoodsource.com)

On September 28, the Chinook Observer published an article on the 2021 albacore season. Calamitous commercial tuna season nears end | News | chinookobserver.com

On October 2nd a major oil spill took place off the Southern California coast. Oil spill off California coast closes pipeline, prompts warnings of ecological disaster (nbcnews.com). On October 3rd, the Ca DFW issued a fishery closure from Sunset Beach to Dana Point out to 6nm from shore. This closure was extended south to just above the San Clemente Pier on October 5 - [Southern California Fisheries Closure Implemented Due to Oil Spill](https://southern-california-fisheries-closure-implemented-due-to-oil-spill)



UPCOMING MEETINGS AS OF 10/5

OCTOBER 5-7

NORTHERN COMMITTEE MEETING
TO BE HELD VIA WEBINAR

OCTOBER 11-15

IATTC MEETING

OCTOBER 21

BOEM-OREGON
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
TASK FORCE MEETING

NOVEMBER 10

PFMC MARINE PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING

NOVEMBER 15-22

NOVEMBER PFMC MEETING

NOVEMBER 19

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES
BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 29

DECEMBER 7 - 18TH MEETING
OF THE WCPFC

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WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS!

We use your photos for social media, these newsletters, the website, and more. If you take any high-resolution photos (or videos) of albacore tuna, you in action, or your boats please send them to us at: admin@americanalbacore.com