



What **AAFA** Is Doing For You

OFFICE UPDATES

As a reminder, there are tagged fish swimming around out there! If you happen to catch an albacore with two types of tags – a Dart Tag and an Archival Tag – there are cash awards available to turning those in (up to \$500. See - [Albacore Tagging Reward Poster \(noaa.gov\)](#) – for instructions on how to claim the award if you catch a tagged fish.



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COVID-19 – SECOND ROUND OF FISHERIES ASSISTANCE

California – Disbursements are likely to occur within the third quarter of 2022. See - [California CARES Act Information – Fisheries Relief \(psmfc.org\)](#)

Oregon – Oregon’s “Round 2” spend plan was approved on December 23 (see - [OR-CARES-2.0-spend-plan.pdf \(psmfc.org\)](#)). It is anticipated that “Round 2” applications will become available by mid-August of 2022. See - [Oregon CARES Act Information – Fisheries Relief \(psmfc.org\)](#)

The Washington “Round 2” spend plan was approved on 11/01/2021 (see - [Microsoft Word - 11.1.21 Final WA CARES Round 2 Spend Plan \(psmfc.org\)](#)

[org](#)). Applications are now available. They must be completed and submitted no later than 11:59 pm (PST) on Friday, October 14th, 2022. See - [Washington CARES Act Information – Fisheries Relief \(psmfc.org\)](#) for the Application.

UN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ON MARINE BIODIVERSITY OF AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION – ABNJ/BBNJ

The fifth Session of the Intergovernmental Conference on BBNJ is scheduled to take place in August. AAFA participated in a US Stakeholder call on July 26.

DOMESTIC MANAGEMENT – PFMC

The June meeting of the Pacific Fis-

hery Management Council did have a discussion about the development of a harvest strategy for North Pacific Albacore. AAFA’s positions were communicated to the PFMC and the PFMC adopted the industry’s recommendations.

The Council’s Marine Planning Committee (MPC) met on July 26. Topics discussed included offshore wind, the Aquaculture Opportunity Area in Southern California, and the policy document.

- Offshore wind.
 - Updates were provided on offshore wind moving forward off all three states

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- Aquaculture Opportunity Area off Southern California.
 - NOAA plans to issue a Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement towards the end of the year

It is not expected that North Pacific Albacore will be a primary topic of conversation during the September PFMC meeting.

INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT

During the recently completed IATTC meeting, a [Resolution presented by the US, Canada and Japan](#) was adopted which identified a harvest strategy for North Pacific Albacore. AAFA and WFOA worked together to ensure any language creating harvest control rules was removed until next year when industry had a chance to review and make recommendations.

WIND FARMS - GENERALLY

On June 23rd, BOEM published [DRAFT Guidelines for Mitigating Impacts to Commercial and Recreational Fisheries on the Outer Continental Shelf Pursuant to 30 CFR Part 585](#). AAFA is coordinating with RODA in developing comments.

WIND FARMS OFF THE CALIFORNIA COAST

The California Coastal Commission conditionally concurred on both WEAs earlier this year.

On May 31, BOEM published a [Proposed Sale Notice](#) for the two Wind Energy Areas (Humboldt and Morro Bay) off the California Coast. It is envisioned that a Final Sale Notice will be published shortly after September 1, and the lease sales will take place before the end of the year.

On August 11, the California Energy Commission (CEC) adopted its Final Report on Offshore Wind Planning Goals for 2030 and 2045. It established goals of 2-5 GW by 2030 and 25 GW by 2045. AAFA consultant, Mike Conroy, was on a panel during a recent (June 27) CEC meeting arguing against increasing the 2030 goals beyond those numbers.

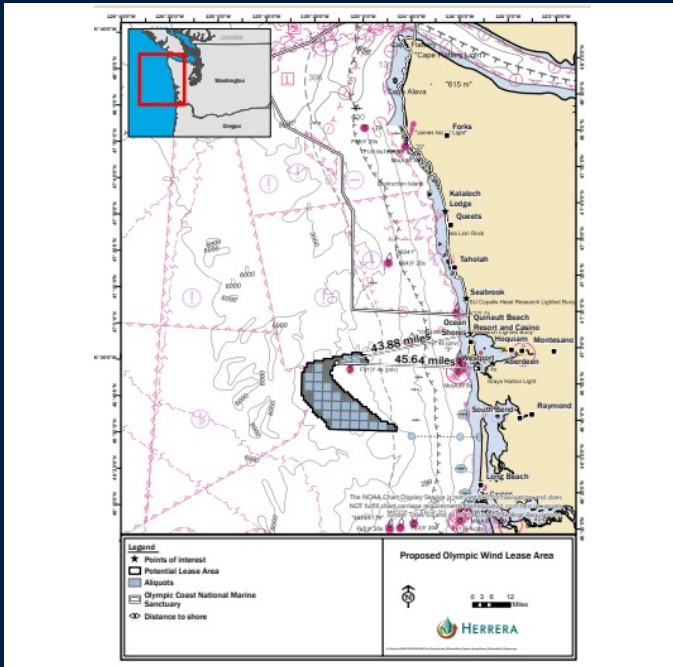
OFFSHORE RENEWABLES OFF THE OREGON COAST

AAFA and WFOA submitted a joint comment letter in response to the Call For Information. It is expected that BOEM will announce Wind Energy Areas off the Oregon Coast later this year

OFFSHORE RENEWABLES OFF THE WASHINGTON COAST

There have been two unsolicited lease request submitted for federal waters off the State of Washington. BOEM is still reviewing the lease applicant's ability to perform under the lease request. The following is a map of an area off Washington which was of interest to at

least one potential developer.



OTHER ITEMS THROUGH AUGUST 15, 2022

The USCG submitted its [Annual Enforcement Report to the Pacific Fishery Management Council West Coast Enforcement Division in June](#). There was one reported violation for a commercial Albacore tuna fishing vessel. The citation was for failure to record two trips in the fishermen's logbook. A \$500 settlement was paid.

President Biden signed a National Security Memorandum to Combat Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing and Associated Labor Abuses. The Fact Sheet is available here - [FACT SHEET: President Biden Signs National Security Memorandum to Combat Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing and Associated Labor Abuses - The White House](#). Depending on how it is implemented, it may help even the playing field for U.S. harvesters.

The commercial fishing exemption under California's AB5 expires at the end of the year. AAFA consultant has been working with friendly legislators in Sacramento to get that exemption extended for another three years. As of early August, AB 2955, appears to be headed for passage.



UPCOMING MEETINGS AS OF 8/15

| DATE | AGENCY | TOPIC | LINK FOR INFO |
|--------------|--------|--|---|
| 9/9 - 9/14 | PFMC | September Council Meeting - Boise, Idaho | Meeting Agenda available here - https://www.pcouncil.org/documents/2022/08/september-2022-council-meeting-agenda.pdf/ |
| 10/4 - 10/7 | NC | 18th Regular Session of the Northern Committee | 18th Regular Session of the Northern Committee WCPFC Meetings |
| 11/2- 11/8 | PFMC | November Council Meeting - Garden Grove, Ca | |
| 11/27 - 12/3 | WCPFC | 19th Regular Session of the Commission | 19th Regular Session of the Commission WCPFC Meetings |



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