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To U.S. Albacore Tuna Vessel Owners and Operators:

On December 15, 2008, Canadian and United States officials initialed amendments to the U.S.-Canada Pacific Albacore Tuna Treaty (Treaty), for fishing in the waters of each country. This letter is intended to provide you with information on requirements for U.S. fishermen planning to fish for albacore tuna in the waters of Canada during the 2011 Fishing Season.

U.S. vessel masters will continue to be required to hail into the Canadian Coast Guard station at Tofino, British Colombia.

The information listed above is provided as a quick reference. Any discrepancies between this public notice and the regulations will be resolved in favor of Federal regulations at 50 CFR Part 300, subpart L.

If you have any questions regarding the above instructions please refer to the "Guide for Complying with the Vessel Fishing Requirements of the U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty" found at http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/fmd/compguide.htm or contact Chris Fanning at (562) 980-4198 or email chris.fanning@noaa.gov .

Your cooperation with the above procedures will assist the U.S. in meeting the Treaty obligations and is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

for Rodney R. McInnis
Regional Administrator

Attachment: Instructions for Compliance

Attachment

**Instructions for Complying with Federal Regulations to Fish in Canadian Waters for 2011**

1. **You must register for the 2011 Annual Vessel Fishing List by:**

   - Contacting NMFS at: (562) 980-4198, FAX: (562) 980-4047, or email (albacore.fish@noaa.gov) at least 7 days prior to the first day you plan to fish in Canadian waters; and
   - Providing to NMFS: (1) vessel name, (2) home port, (3) radio call sign or vessel identification marking that identifies the flag state of the vessel ("Vessel Identification Marking"), (4) fishing vessel registration number, (5) captain or operator's name, if known, and (6) vessel length. Ensuring: a) the vessel is clearly marked with the name and identification number (either U.S. Coast Guard Documentation number or state registration) followed by the letter "U"; and b) the vessel identification is clearly visible both from the air and from other vessels on the water.

2. **The list is only valid for a single year**, and every fishing vessel that fishes under the treaty with Canada *must* be on the List. The owner of any U.S. fishing vessel, that wishes to be eligible to fish for albacore tuna during the 2011 fishing season, is required to register. Upon verification of permit status and eligibility, vessel owners will receive an email or phone call confirming they have been added to the 2011 Annual Vessel Fishing List. For the United States, a provisional list shall be provided to Canada by July 1 and may be revised during the fishing season.

3. **You must report to the Canadian Coast Guard at Tofino, British Columbia, at least 24 hours prior** to entering Canadian waters and **at least 72 hours before leaving** Canadian waters.

   Ways to contact the Canadian Coast Guard at Tofino:
   VHF channel 26 (within a 60 mile range);
   MF channel 2054 (within a 200 mile range);
   HF channel 4125 (within a 400 mile range);
   Using a satellite phone or cellular phone and dialling 250-726-7716.

4 **You must submit Federal Albacore Troll Logbooks for all fishing activity in the U.S. and Canadian EEZ. Logbooks for albacore landed to Canadian ports must be submitted within 15 days of the end of a trip, and logbooks for albacore landed to U.S. ports must be submitted within 30 days of the end of a trip .**

- Submit logbooks to the Southwest Fisheries Science Center within 15 days of the end of a trip to Mr. John Childers, Southwest Fisheries Center, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037-1508, (858) 546-7192, john.childers@noaa.gov.

- Need a logbook? Call (562) 980-4198 or check http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/logbooks.htm
- You are encouraged to document any IUU (Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated) fishing vessel activity in your logbook, including pictures, email and radio reports. Contact the NMFS Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) hot line at 1-800-853-1964. You may also contact the Southwest OLE at (562) 980-4050 or the Northwest OLE at (206) 526-6133.

5. **You must have a valid HMS Permit from NMFS if you also fish in U.S. waters!**

- Permit applications can be obtained at: http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/hms/hmsapp.pdf

6. **Do Not Fish Inside of 12 NM from Canadian Shores**