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Information Collection: Notification of Purse Seine Closure Period

The following email below is an example of a notification via email that is sent to purse seine vessel owners and operators to notify them of the closure period.

Example Email

From: [REDACTED] >
Date: Mon, Apr 27, 2026 at 4:21 PM
Subject: IATTC: Request for Selection of PS Closure Period 2026
To:

Dear purse seine vessel owner/operator,

Pursuant to IATTC Resolution C-25-01 (Conservation Measures for Tropical Tunas in the Eastern Pacific Ocean During 2026 and 2027-2028), it is time to select the closure period your purse seine vessel will observe in 2026 in the IATTC Convention Area. This applies to purse seine vessels with more than 272 metric tons carrying capacity. As stated in C-25-01:

“3. All purse-seine vessels covered by these measures must stop fishing in the Convention Area for a period of 64 days in each year covered by this Resolution.

a. For purse-seine vessel class 5 and 6, these closures shall be observed in one of two periods, as follows:

from 00:00 hours on 6 August to 24:00 hours on 8 October, or from 00:00 hours on 9 November to 24:00 hours on 11 January of the following year. ”

Please send an email to [REDACTED] by May 20th notifying NMFS of the following:

Vessel name and registration number

Closure dates that will be observed by the vessel

Vessel owner or managing owner's name, signature, business address, and business telephone number.

If we do not hear from you, we will assume your vessel will be observing the second closure period from November 9 to January 11, 2027. Please contact me at [REDACTED] with any questions.

Best,
[REDACTED]

Public Burden Statement

A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with an information collection subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 unless the information collection has a currently valid OMB Control Number. The approved OMB Control Number for this information collection is 0648-0387. Without this approval, we could not conduct this information collection. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 12 minutes (0.2 hours) per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the information collection. All responses to this information collection are mandatory for U.S. tuna purse seine vessel owners and operators of class 5 and 6 vessels (carrying capacity over 272 metric tons) pursuant to the Tuna Conventions Act (16 U.S.C. 951 *et seq.*) and implementing regulations. The purpose of this information collection is to allow vessel owners and operators to select the specific 64-day purse seine fishing closure period they will observe in the IATTC Convention Area in accordance with IATTC conservation resolutions. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this information collection, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to National Marine Fisheries Service at: Sustainable Fisheries Division, West Coast Region, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802, or via email to lucille.bulkeley@noaa.gov.

Privacy Act Statement

Authority: The collection of this information is authorized under the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 951 *et seq.*, and implementing regulations at 50 CFR Part 300, Subpart C.

Purpose: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) collects this information to allow owners and operators of U.S. tuna purse seine vessels operating in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean to select their required 64-day closure period in compliance with Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) conservation measures.

Routine Uses: The provided information will be used by NMFS, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the IATTC to track, monitor, and enforce fleet compliance with designated closure periods. Disclosure of this information is permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) to be shared within NMFS offices to coordinate fishery management and monitoring, as well as with the IATTC. Information collected is governed by Privacy Act System of Records Notices **COMMERCE/NOAA-12, Marine Mammals, Endangered and Threatened Species, Permits and Authorizations Applicants**, and **COMMERCE/NOAA-19, Permits and Registrations for United States Federally Regulated Fisheries**.

Disclosure: Providing this notification is mandatory. Vessel owners or operators who fail to select a closure period by the specified deadline will automatically be assigned to the second closure period by default.