

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**North Pacific Albacore United States Stakeholder Meeting; Meeting Announcement**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces a U.S. stakeholder meeting to discuss North Pacific albacore (NPALB) management. This meeting is intended to gather stakeholder input and prepare for potential discussions at the 2026 annual meetings of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Northern Committee (WCPFC NC) related to management of NPALB fisheries. The meeting topics are described under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**DATES:** The virtual meeting will be held on February 18, 2026, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. PST (11 a.m. to 3 p.m. HST). You must complete the registration process by February 11, 2026, if you plan to attend the meeting (see **ADDRESSES**).

**ADDRESSES:** If you plan to attend the meeting, which will be held by webinar, please register at <https://forms.gle/uSeePzqNHLGm5wC5A>. Instructions for attending the meeting will be emailed to meeting participants before the meeting occurs.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Valerie Post, Pacific Islands Regional Office at [valerie.post@noaa.gov](mailto:valerie.post@noaa.gov); 1–323–372–2946 or Tyler Lawson, West Coast Region Office at [tyler.lawson@noaa.gov](mailto:tyler.lawson@noaa.gov); 1–503–230–5421.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 2025, the WCPFC NC requested the International Scientific Committee on Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) to provide estimates of the historical impact of each fleet group on the NPALB stock to guide discussions on potential fleet-specific reductions if stock biomass were to fall below the threshold reference point as mandated by the harvest strategy. This stakeholder meeting is intended to discuss this topic, gather stakeholder input, and prepare for anticipated discussions at the IATTC and WCPFC NC in 2026. For more information on the ISC's recommendations related to fishing intensity, please see the ISC25 Plenary

Report: [https://isc.fra.go.jp/pdf/ISC25/ISC25\\_Plenary\\_Report\\_FINAL.pdf](https://isc.fra.go.jp/pdf/ISC25/ISC25_Plenary_Report_FINAL.pdf). For the most recent NPALB catch statistics please see the ISC25 Annual Catch Table: [https://isc.fra.go.jp/pdf/ISC25/ISC25\\_Catchtable\\_202509.xlsx](https://isc.fra.go.jp/pdf/ISC25/ISC25_Catchtable_202509.xlsx). For updated information on NPALB fishing effort please see: <https://meetings.wcpfc.int/node/26174>.

**NPALB U.S. Stakeholder Meeting Topics**

The meeting agenda will be distributed to participants in advance of the meeting. The meeting agenda will include a discussion on translating fishing intensity into catch and/or effort limits for NPALB. Additionally, a timeline of important events leading up to the 2026 meeting of the WCPFC NC will be discussed. NMFS envisions holding a 2nd stakeholder webinar in mid to late May after the executive summary of the 2026 NPALB stock assessment has been released and the ISC has provided estimates of the historical impact of fleet groups. A brief update on electronic logbooks for hook and line gear will also be provided.

**Special Accommodations**

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be indicated when registering for the meeting (see **ADDRESSES**) by February 11, 2026.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 951 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, and 16 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*

Dated: January 30, 2026.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Notice of Reinstatement of the Gasoline Volatility Waiver for Ohio**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of approval.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing its approval of the request from Ohio to reinstate the 1-psi (pound per square inch) volatility waiver within the state.

**DATES:** February 4, 2026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information about this notice, contact Lauren Michaels, Office of Transportation and Air Quality,

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EPA is announcing its approval of a request from the Governor of Ohio to reinstate the 1-psi waiver for gasoline-ethanol blends containing 10 percent ethanol (E10). The Governor made this request pursuant to 40 CFR 1090.297.

This request comes after a series of requests and actions relating to gasoline volatility regulations in Ohio over the past four years. On June 10, 2022, the Governor of Ohio requested, pursuant to CAA section 211(h)(5), the removal of the 1-psi gasoline volatility waiver that would otherwise apply to E10 in the summer season.<sup>1</sup> This waiver allows the Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) of E10 to be 1-psi higher than otherwise allowed for gasoline that does not contain 10 percent ethanol. EPA granted the request on February 29, 2024 and, at the same time, promulgated regulations removing the 1-psi waiver in Ohio beginning April 28, 2025.<sup>2</sup>

In January 2025, the Governor of Ohio petitioned for further delay of the effective date of the removal of the 1-psi waiver.<sup>3</sup> The EPA effectuated that change on March 20, 2025, delaying the effective date until April 28, 2026.<sup>4</sup>

On October 31, 2025, the Governor of Ohio requested that the EPA reinstate the 1-psi waiver for E10.<sup>5</sup> After review of the submission, the EPA is reinstating the 1-psi waiver for the state of Ohio. The effective date of the reinstatement of the 1-psi waiver is 90 days after the EPA's written notification to the state approving the reinstatement request.<sup>6</sup> EPA notified Ohio of its approval on January 28, 2026. Therefore, the effective date of the reinstatement of the 1-psi waiver in Ohio is April 28, 2026. This means that gasoline sold in Ohio that contains 10 percent ethanol can have a finished fuel volatility of 10.0 psi in the summer months. Reinstatement of the 1-psi waiver in Ohio eliminates the need for refiners and distributors to provide a different gasoline blendstock for use in Ohio in the summer months as compared to other surrounding states. Reinstatement of the 1-psi waiver in Ohio does not impact the regulatory

<sup>1</sup> Request from Ohio Governor Mike DeWine (June 10, 2022).

<sup>2</sup> 89 FR 14746 (February 29, 2024).

<sup>3</sup> Petition from Ohio Governor Mike DeWine (January 24, 2025).

<sup>4</sup> 90 FR 13093 (March 20, 2025).

<sup>5</sup> Letter from Ohio Governor Mike DeWine (October 31, 2025).

<sup>6</sup> 40 CFR 1090.297(c)(1).