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## **U.S. HOSTS INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON TUNA IN RALEIGH**

NOAA Fisheries Service, led by Dr. William T. Hogarth, will host working group meetings of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas in Raleigh, North Carolina, beginning Monday, July 16 and running through Saturday, July 21.

Representatives from 10 nations will join with scientists and managers from NOAA Fisheries Service to discuss ways to address overcapacity in fleets that fish on tunas and other highly migratory species managed by ICCAT. The meeting will also include discussions on improving monitoring, control and surveillance in the fisheries managed by ICCAT.

“The overall goal of these meetings in Raleigh is to strengthen the conservation of the fish species that are managed by ICCAT,” said Dr. Hogarth, director of NOAA Fisheries Service and chairman of ICCAT. “We believe this series of working group meetings will help us prepare for a productive annual meeting in November when the full body comes together.”

ICCAT is an international body made up of 43 nations that works to maintain the populations of tuna and tuna-like species in the Atlantic Ocean at levels where they can be sustainably harvested. The goal of ICCAT is to encourage member states to create strong research programs, thorough analysis of fish statistics and effective stock conservation measures.

The first meeting of the ICCAT Working Group on Capacity will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 16, at the Holiday Inn, Brownstone Hotel, 1707 Hillsborough St., Raleigh, N.C.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department, is celebrating 200 years of science and service to the nation. From the establishment of the Survey of the Coast in 1807 by Thomas Jefferson to the formation of the Weather Bureau and the Commission of Fish and Fisheries in the 1870s, much of America's scientific heritage is rooted in NOAA.

NOAA is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and information service delivery for transportation, and by providing environmental stewardship of our nation's coastal and marine resources. Through the emerging Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS), NOAA is working with its federal partners, more than 60

countries and the European Commission to develop a global monitoring network that is as integrated as the planet it observes, predicts and protects.

NOAA Fisheries Service is dedicated to protecting and preserving our nation's living marine resources and their habitat through scientific research, management and enforcement. NOAA Fisheries Service provides effective stewardship of these resources for the benefit of the nation, supporting coastal communities that depend upon them, and helping to provide safe and healthy seafood to consumers and recreational opportunities for the American public. To learn more about NOAA Fisheries Service, please visit: [www.nmfs.noaa.gov](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov).

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