

Dear Friends and Colleagues of the Tuna Conference Community,

It is with sincere disappointment that we share that the Tuna Conference will not be held in 2026. Several outlying factors have made it impossible for us to move forward with what would have been our 75th meeting. We are truly saddened that we will not be able to celebrate this milestone together next year.

At this time, we are uncertain about the future of the Conference. However, what is certain is the immense gratitude we feel for every one of you, past and present, who has attended, contributed, and helped shape the Tuna Conference into something truly special. For decades, this gathering has served as a remarkable bridge between industry, academia, and government, fostering collaborations and friendships that in many cases have lasted a lifetime.

We would also like to extend heartfelt thanks to the many organizations that have generously supported the Conference over the years, including Wildlife Computers, International Seafood Sustainability Foundation, Sportfishing Association of California, Albacore Research Foundation, Prime Time Seafood Inc., Woods Hole Group, Walter Golet and the David Linney Memorial Scholarship, Hallprint and Hinchinbrook. Finally, thank you to the numerous individual attendees whose donations, time, and enthusiasm helped make each meeting memorable. It is you, our community, who have made the Tuna Conference possible and meaningful.

We sincerely hope that circumstances will allow us to bring everyone together again in the future. Until then, we wish you all the very best—good health, a joyful holiday season, and a bright start to the new year. We hope to see you again soon.

With gratitude,

IATTC and NMFS Staff