

Tuna fishermen plan to discuss sales alternatives

WATSONVILLE — Commerical albacore fishermen in the Monterey Bay Area will meet March 3 for an update on tuna migration and movement patterns and a review of market alternatives to use for the 1983 catch if low cannery prices persist.

Mike Laurs of the National Marine Fisheries Service will discuss the albacore fishery, including new information on how to fish-gather along ocean current thermal fronts.

He also will report on favorable experiments in longline fishing for albacore during winter months.

Ed Melvin, University of California marine adviser, said the 40 percent cut in price for albacore tuna this past year was due to a glutted world tuna market.

Many operators turned to retail sales right off the boat, including sales in the Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor. This and other alternatives will be covered in the market review.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. in the Cooperative Extension Auditorium, 1432 Freedom Blvd.

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