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MANAGEMENT OF PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA
SEVENTH SESSION (JWG-07)**

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Report on CMM 2021-02 (Pacific bluefin tuna)

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Mr. Feleti Teo
Executive Director
Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
Kolonia, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia

Dear Mr. Teo:

The following information is provided to satisfy the 2021 reporting requirement of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Conservation and Management Measure for Pacific Bluefin Tuna (CMM 2021-04).

Paragraph 2: Canada had no fishing effort directed at Pacific bluefin tuna (PBFT) anywhere in the Pacific Ocean in 2021. Canadian vessels are permitted to retain PBFT when they are captured as bycatch in the North Pacific (NP) albacore troll fishery.

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Paragraph 5: Canada had no fishing effort directed at PBFT anywhere in the Pacific Ocean in 2019, 2020, or 2021.

Canada had no catch of PBFT in 2019 or 2020. In 2021, Canada's NP albacore troll fleet reported 8 PBFT fish retained as bycatch for a total weight of approximately 63 kg. Each of these fish was less than 30kg in weight.

Paragraph 7: Canada did not have any fisheries that targeted PBFT, and therefore had no opportunity to gather such data.

Paragraph 8: Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) works with other domestic departments and agencies in order to monitor and control the importation of seafood products. This work includes diligent verification and monitoring by relevant authorities that all imports of PBFT are accompanied by the appropriate documentation. In 2019, Canada ratified the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing. Domestically, Canada's *Coastal Fisheries Protection Act* and its associated regulations are the principal vehicle through which the obligations are implemented.

Paragraph 10: Canada had no directed PBFT fishery. However, any PBFT captured as bycatch in our North Pacific albacore troll fishery must be recorded by harvesters in their logbook, and this information is included in scientific data reporting to Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission and WCPFC.

Paragraph 11: Canada did not export any PBFT in 2021. Canada imported approximately 311 t of PBFT in 2021.

Paragraph 13: Canada is an active member of the IATTC. Canada communicates and works with IATTC Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Members on a bilateral and multilateral basis as appropriate.

Please do not hesitate to contact José Benchetrit, Senior Policy Advisor, at jose.benchetrit@dfo-mpo.gc.ca should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Justin Turple', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Justin Turple
Canada's Head of Delegation to the WCPFC