

**JOINT IATTC AND WCPFC-NC WORKING GROUP MEETING ON THE MANAGEMENT  
OF PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA  
SEVENTH SESSION (JWG-07)**

ELECTRONIC MEETING  
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12-14 July 2022

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**Report on CMM 2021-02 (Pacific bluefin tuna)**

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**New Zealand**

**New Zealand Report on CMM 02-2020 Conservation and Management Measure for Pacific Bluefin Tuna (2021 fishing year)**

Report covering required information of paragraphs 5 and 11.

*Paragraph 5 CCMs shall report to the Executive Director by 31 July each year their fishing effort and =30 kg catch levels, by fishery, for the previous 3 year, accounting for all catches, including discards. The Executive Director will compile this information each year into an appropriate format for the use of the Northern Committee.*

*Paragraph 11. CCMs shall report to Executive Director by 31 July annually measures they used to implement paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10 and 13 of this CMM. CCMs shall also monitor the international trade of the products derived from **Pacific bluefin tuna** and report the results to Executive Director by 31 July annually. The Northern Committee shall annually review those reports CCMs submit pursuant to this paragraph and if necessary, advise a CCM to take an action for enhancing its compliance with this CMM*

<p><b>2 CCMs shall take measures necessary to ensure that (1)Total fishing effort by their vessel fishing for Pacific bluefin tuna in the area north of the 20° N shall stay below the 2002–2004 annual average levels</b></p>	<p>New Zealand vessels do not fish north of 20°N.</p>
<p><b>2 (2)All catches of Pacific bluefin tuna less than30kg shall be reduced to 50% of the 2002–2004 annual average levels Any overage or underage of the catch limit shall be deducted from or may be added to the catch limit for the following year. The maximum underage that a CCM may carry over in any given year shall not exceed 5% of its annual initial catch limit.</b></p>	<p>During the 2021 fishing year no catch of Pacific Bluefin Tuna less than 30kg were caught as reported by Observers and Fishing vessels.</p> <p><b><u>Note: For the 2021 fishing year observer data submitted to WCPFC incorrectly recorded 1 TOR as weighing less than 30kg. New Zealand has investigated this data and has found that the weight recorded was erroneous.</u></b></p>
<p><b>3 – CCMs shall take measures necessary to ensure that all catches of Pacific Bluefin tuna 30kg or larger shall not be increased from the 2002-2004 annual average levels.2Any overage or underage of the catch limit shall be deducted from or may be added to the catch limit for the following year. The maximum underage that a CCM may carry over in any given year shall not exceed 5% of its</b></p>	<p>Average catches of Pacific Bluefin tuna by New Zealand fishing vessels for the fishing years 2002 to 2004 was 53.76 tonnes. During the 2021 fishing year a total of 36.78 tonnes of pacific blue fin above 30kg - below the average catches as described above.</p>

<p><i>annual initial catch limit. However, in 2021 CCMs may use part of the catch limit for Pacific bluefin tuna smaller than 30 kg stipulated in paragraph 2 (2) above to catch Pacific bluefin tuna 30 kg or larger in the same year. In this case, the amount of catch 30 kg or larger shall be counted against the catch limit for Pacific bluefin tuna smaller than 30 kg. CCMs shall not use the catch limit for Pacific bluefin tuna 30 kg or larger to catch Pacific bluefin tuna smaller than 30 kg. The ISC is requested to review, in its work referred to in Section 5 of Harvest Strategy, the implications of this special provision in terms of PBF mortality and stock rebuilding probabilities in 2021. Based on that review, in 2021 the Northern Committee will determine whether it should be continued past 2021, and if so, recommend changes to the CMM as appropriate.</i></p>	<p>Total tonnage of Pacific Bluefin Tuna caught for the last 3 fishing years:  <b>2019 – 22.78 tonnes</b>  <b>2020 – 40.80 tonnes</b>  <b>2021 – 36.78 tonnes</b></p>
<p><b>4</b> 2-3 reporting to be calendar year</p>	<p>All catches are reported by calendar year.</p>
<p><b>5</b> – CCMs shall report to the Executive Director by <b>31 July each year their fishing effort and &lt;30 kg and &gt;=30 kg catch levels, by fishery, for the previous 3 year, accounting for all catches, including discards.</b> The Executive Director will compile this information each year into an appropriate format for the use of the Northern Committee</p>	<p>Total tonnage of Pacific blue fin tuna greater than 30kg caught for the last 3 fishing years:  <u><b>2019 – 22.78 tonnes</b></u>  <u><b>2020 – 40.80 tonnes</b></u>  <u><b>2021 – 36.78 tonnes</b></u></p> <p>New Zealand has report 0 tonnes of TOR less than 30kg's for the last 3 fishing years.</p>
<p><b>7</b> CCMs, in particular those catching juvenile Pacific bluefin tuna, shall take measures to monitor and obtain prompt results of recruitment of juveniles each year.</p>	<p>New Zealand has recorded Zero catches of juvenile Pacific bluefin tuna, catches are monitored and reported using observer data and by data recorded by fishing vessels.</p>
<p><b>8</b> - Consistent with their rights and obligations under international law, and in accordance with domestic laws and regulations, CCMs shall, to the extent possible, take measures necessary to prevent commercial transaction of Pacific bluefin tuna and its products that undermine the effectiveness of this CMM, especially measures prescribed in the paragraph 2 and 3 above. CCMs shall cooperate for this purpose</p>	<p>All pacific blue fin caught by New Zealand vessels is landed to licenced fish receivers as per domestic regulations. New Zealand has caught below the 2002-2004 average tonnage for the preceding 3 fishing years. No juvenile TOR, less than 30kg were caught in the 2021 fishing year.</p>

<b>10</b> - CCMs shall also take measures necessary to strengthen monitoring and data collecting system for Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries and farming in order to improve the data quality and timeliness of all the data reporting	All vessels fishing within NZ EEZ are required to comply with Ministry for Primary Industries electronic reporting requirements as per domestic regulations
<b>13</b> - To enhance effectiveness of this measure, CCMs are encouraged to communicate with and, if appropriate, work with the concerned IATTC contracting parties bilaterally	New Zealand is not a member of IATTC