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Cook Islands

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Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2023 9:02 AM

To: SungKwon Soh <SungKwon.Soh@wcpfc.int>

Subject: RE: JWG08 and NC19: Provision of NP Albacore, PBF, and NP Swordfish data - by 16 June 2023

Dear SK,

I am writing to provide you with the catch and effort data that you requested for NPA and PBF. We have completed and submitted the required information, which is attached to this email.

We understand the importance of compiling this data for discussion at the JWG-08 and NC19, and we are happy to have provided the necessary information. Please let us know if you require any further assistance.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation,

Kind regards

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Table 1. Fishing effort by vessels fishing for Pacific bluefin tuna in the area north of 20° N in the Convention Area

Fishery	Unit of fishing effort ¹	Baseline fishing effort (Para 2, CMM 2021-02)				Fishing effort (Para 8, CMM 2021-02)		
		2002	2003	2004	2002-2004 Average	2020	2021	2022
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Longline		Unknown	Unknown	0		0	0	0

Table 2. Catches (mt), including discards, of Pacific bluefin tuna in the Convention Area (include all the fisheries in the previous table, plus all other fisheries that catch any Pacific bluefin tuna)

Fishery	All catches (Para 5, CMM 2021-02)								All catches (Para 5, CMM 2021-02)					
	2002		2003		2004		2002-2004 Average		2020		2021		2022	
	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg
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Longline	0	1.789	0	2.94	0	1.35	0	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0

¹ e.g., sets, fishing days, vessels