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Report on CMM 2021-02 (Pacific bluefin tuna)

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New Zealand Report on CMM 02-2021 Conservation and Management Measure for Pacific Bluefin Tuna (2022)

Report covering required information of paragraphs 5 and 11:

*Paragraph 8. CCMs shall report to the Executive Director by **31 July** each year their fishing effort and <30 kg and >=30 kg catch levels, by fishery, for the previous 3 year, accounting for all catches, including discards. CCMs shall report their annual catch limits and their annual catches of PBF, with adequate computation details, to present their implementation for paragraph 5 and 6, if the measures and arrangements in the said paragraphs and relevant footnotes applied. The Executive Director will compile this information each year into an appropriate format for the use of the Northern Committee.*

*Paragraph 14. CCMs shall report to Executive Director by **31 July** annually measures they used to implement paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11 13 and 16 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.*

2. CCMs shall take measures necessary to ensure that 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.

New Zealand vessels do not fish north of 20°N.

3. Japan, Korea and Chinese Taipei shall, respectively, take measures necessary to ensure that its catches of Pacific bluefin tuna less than 30 kg and Pacific bluefin tuna 30 kg or larger shall not exceed the annual catch limits in the tables below.

N/A

4. CCMs, not described in paragraph 3, may increase their catch of Pacific bluefin tuna 30kg or larger by 15% above their 2002-2004 annual average levels. CCMs with a base line catch of 10 tons or less of Pacific bluefin tuna 30 kg or larger may increase their catch as long as it does not exceed 10 metric tons per year.

Average catches of Pacific bluefin tuna by New Zealand fishing vessels for the fishing years 2002 to 2004 average + 15% was 63.26 tonnes. During the 2022 fishing year a total of 34.27 tonnes of Pacific bluefin tuna above 30kg - below the average catches as described above.

7. All CCMs except Japan shall implement the limits in paragraph 3 on a calendar-year basis. Japan shall implement the limits using a management year other than the calendar year for some of its fisheries and have its implementation assessed with respect to its management year.

N/A

8. CCMs shall report to the Executive Director by 31 July each year their fishing effort and <30 kg and ≥30 kg catch levels, by fishery, for the previous 3 year, accounting for all catches, including discards.

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
New Zealand														
Longline	0	56.86	0	40.77	0	43.6	0	47.08	0	46.06	0	41.65	0	34.27
Handline	0	0	0	0	0	22.2	0	7.40	0	0	0	0	0	0
Troll	0	0	0	0	0	1.6	0	0.53	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>56.86</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>40.77</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>67.4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>55.01</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>46.06</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>41.65</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>34.27</i>

***Note:** Monthly harvest returns, instead of catch estimates, have been used for the data provided. This shows slight variations from previous reporting.

CCMs shall report their annual catch limits and their annual catches of PBF, with adequate computation details, to present their implementation for paragraph 5 and 6, if the measures and arrangements in the said paragraphs and relevant footnotes applied. The Executive Director will compile this information each year into an appropriate format for the use of the Northern Committee.

For the 2022 calendar year, New Zealand's 'limit' was 63.26 tonnes. Total mortality for the 2022 calendar year was 34.27 tonnes. The difference of 28.99 tonnes would exceed the maximum carry forward of 17%. Therefore, New Zealand will carry forward the maximum 17% of its available limit for the year to the 2023 calendar year, which equates to 10.75 tonnes. This brings the total available limit for 2023 to 74.01 tonnes.

10. CCMs, in particular those catching juvenile Pacific bluefin tuna, shall take measures to monitor and obtain prompt results of recruitment of juveniles each year

New Zealand recorded zero catches of juvenile Pacific bluefin tuna in 2022, catches are monitored and reported using observer and fisher reported records.

11. 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 3 above. CCMs shall cooperate for this purpose.

All Pacific bluefin caught by New Zealand vessels is landed to licenced fish receivers as per domestic regulations. New Zealand has caught below the 2002-2004 average + 15% tonnage for the preceding 3 fishing years.

13. 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.

14 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.

New Zealand's Pacific bluefin tuna were primarily exported to Japan and the United States, with small amounts exported to Australia, Canada, Switzerland.

16. 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 or the Northern Committee, however we welcome engagement with members of these bodies.