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The International Game Fish Association (IGFA) is a non-profit organization that represents recreational anglers throughout the world. IGFA was established in 1939, and has active members in 123 countries, is the governing body for international recreational fishing, and provides rules for ethical angling practices. Many of IGFA's members target highly migratory species managed by WCPFC.

IGFA has an International Committee of Representatives in nearly 90 countries, who have been chosen for their integrity, fishing knowledge for sportsmanship and conservation. These representatives report to IGFA on issues affecting our interests and are the primary way that IGFA participates in the recreational fishing community.

In addition to compiling decades of catch information from around the world, IGFA staff, trustees and international representatives participate in international cooperative research and management efforts. Presently, IGFA represents its members and recreational anglers in general on numerous regional, national and international fisheries management panels, and also funds and participates in research relating to game fish and their habitats. When participating in cooperative research or management, IGFA's core purpose is to provide a link and facilitate interaction and information exchange between recreational anglers and fisheries scientists and managers.

IGFA is extremely interested in the progress of the WCPFC and is hopeful that it will be more successful in managing catch, effort and stocks than many other international fisheries management organizations.

IGFA requests that the WCPFC management plan takes into consideration the economically and socially important recreational fishery.

IGFA considers that the management plan must also take into consideration the artisanal fishers of the region.

IGFA believes that spatial management should also be taken into consideration.

IGFA would be pleased to consult and advise member states on the economic importance of recreational fishing and its related tourism benefits that it creates.

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The International Game Fish Association is a not-for-profit organization committed to the conservation of game fish and the promotion of responsible, ethical angling practices through science, education, rule making and record keeping.