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Proposed Amendments to Conservation and Management Measure for Protection of Cetaceans from Purse Seine and Longline Fishing Operations (CMM 2011-03)

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USA and Korea

CMM 2011-03: Conservation and Management Measure for Protection of Cetaceans from Purse Seine and Longline Fishing Operations

- Current cetacean measure only applies to purse seine vessel operations
- Cetacean interactions also occur in WCPFC longline fisheries (SC16-ST-IP12; SC17-ST-IP-10)
- The WCPFC Science Service Provider has indicated that current observer coverage levels in the longline fishery are not sufficient enough to provide an understanding of spatial or temporal patterns of cetacean interactions (SC17-ST-IP-10)

USA/Korea: Proposed amendments to CMM 2011-03

Proposed amendments would:

1. Prohibit retention, transshipment or landing of cetaceans by longline vessels
 - to reduce the impact of longline fisheries to cetacean populations in the WCPO
2. Require longline vessels to report on cetacean interactions
 - to improve our understanding of fisheries impacts to cetacean populations in the WCPO