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MANAGEMENT OF PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA  
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**Report on CMM 2024-01 (PBF) and CMM 2024-02 (MCS of PBF)**

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**IATTC-NC-JWG10-2025/DP-10**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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**Subject:** 2025 U.S. reporting requirement for WCPFC CMM 2024-01 and -02

Dear ED Moss-Christian,

Please see the attached letter from Jason Philibotte with the annual U.S. reporting under CMM 2024-01 and 2024-02 for Pacific bluefin tuna.

Kind regards,  
Emily

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Dear ED Moss-Christian:

The following information is provided to satisfy the reporting requirements of WCPFC Conservation and Management Measure 2024-01 (Pacific Bluefin Tuna) and CMM 2024-02 (Monitoring, Control and Surveillance of Pacific Bluefin Tuna) with respect to calendar year 2024.

For CMM 2024-01:

Paragraph 2: The United States does not have any vessels fishing for Pacific bluefin tuna in the Convention Area north of 20 degrees north, so it does not need to limit fishing effort in any of its fisheries. The U.S. did not catch any Pacific bluefin tuna less than 30 kg in 2024.

Paragraph 3: This paragraph does not apply to the United States.

Paragraph 4: The U.S. 2002-2004 annual average levels of Pacific bluefin catch 30 kg or greater was less than 10 mt. In 2024, the U.S. catches of Pacific bluefin tuna 30 kg or larger totaled 3 mt.

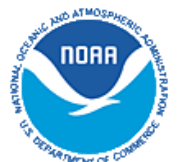
Paragraph 8: The United States has laws and regulations in place to ensure that fish and fish product that is harvested in violation of foreign laws or treaties cannot be lawfully imported into the United States and entered in to commerce. These laws and regulations could apply to commercial transactions in Pacific bluefin tuna and its products that undermine the effectiveness of this CMM.

Paragraph 9: Please see attachment 1 for tables displaying fishing effort by vessels fishing for Pacific bluefin and catches of Pacific bluefin tuna in the Convention Area.

Paragraph 10: The United States does not catch any age-0 fish (less than 2kg).

Paragraph 11: The United States does not catch any age-0 fish (less than 2kg).

Paragraph 12: The United States monitors the international trade of Pacific bluefin tuna through its Highly Migratory Species International Trade Permit (HMS ITP) program. All importers,



exporters and re-exporters of Pacific bluefin tuna products are required to hold an HMS ITP. Domestic regulations (50 CFR 300 Subpart M) require that each import, export or re-export of Pacific bluefin tuna be accompanied by a bluefin tuna catch document (BCD) (please see attachment) containing information on area of harvest, product information, and trade information. Copies of BCDs and re-export certificates are required to be submitted to NOAA Fisheries within 24 hours of a trade. NOAA Fisheries maintains a database with information on imports, exports, and re-exports of Pacific bluefin tuna.

Paragraph 14: Although the United States does not have any Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries in the Convention Area, it does have a system in place that collects data on the few incidentally caught Pacific bluefin tuna in its other fisheries (e.g. longline) in a timely and consistent manner.

Paragraph 15: See response to paragraph 12. For calendar year 2024, 3,099 mt of bluefin tuna caught in the Pacific Ocean were imported to the United States, with 2,949 mt coming from Mexico, 118 mt from Japan, 14 mt from New Zealand, and 18 mt from Korea. Australia, France, and Fiji each contributed less than 1 mt. No bluefin tuna caught in the Pacific Ocean in 2024 were exported or re-exported from the United States.

Paragraph 17: The United States plans to collaborate with Mexico, Japan, Korea and other interested parties during the upcoming meetings of the IATTC and WCPFC's Northern Committee.

For CMM 2024-02:

Paragraph 3: The United States does not have any vessels fishing for Pacific bluefin tuna in the Convention Area and/or farming so is reporting the by-catch of Pacific bluefin tuna under paragraph 9 of CMM 2024-01, as noted above and below in Attachment 1.

If you have any questions about this information please contact Emily Reynolds at +1 808-725-5039 or [emily.reynolds@noaa.gov](mailto:emily.reynolds@noaa.gov).

Sincerely,



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Attachment

cc: Rachel Ryan, U.S. Department of State

**Attachment 1. Fishing Effort by vessels fishing for Pacific bluefin and catches of Pacific bluefin in the Convention Area.**

**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 (e.g., sets, fishing days, vessels)	2002	2003	2004	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

**Table 2. Catches (mt), including discards, of Pacific bluefin tuna<sup>1</sup> in the Convention Area**

Fishery	2002		2003		2004		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg
American Samoa Longline	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
United States Longline	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3

<sup>1</sup> Pacific bluefin tuna catches have been reported on longline logsheets for the American Samoa fishery, however the species may be misidentified.



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**COMPILED INFORMATION ON PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA  
(FISHING EFFORT AND CATCH IN THE WCPO)**

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**IATTC-NC-JWG10-2025/WP-01  
(WCPFC-NC21-2025/WP-02)**

**Secretariat**

According to Paragraph 9 of the WCPFC CMM 2024-01, fishing efforts and the catch of Pacific bluefin tuna are compiled based on WCPFC Members' reports, which are annexed in Tables 1 and 2.

9. *CCMs shall report to the Executive Director by 15 June each year their fishing effort and <30 kg and  $\geq$ 30 kg catch levels, by fishery, for the previous 3 years, 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.*

The information in the Tables below will be modified subject to any further updates from Members.

Individual Country Report is available at the *Delegation Proposals and Papers* folder at [Tenth Joint IATTC-NC Working Group Meeting on PBF Management | WCPFC Meetings](#)

**Compiled Information on Pacific Bluefin Tuna  
(Fishing Effort and Catch)**

**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 <sup>1</sup>	Baseline fishing effort (Para 2, CMM 2024-01)				Fishing effort (Para 9, CMM 2024-01)		
		2002	2003	2004	2002-2004 Average	2022	2023	2024
<b>Canada</b>								
Not applicable		0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>China</b>								
		0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Cook Islands</b>								
Longline		Unknown	Unknown	0		0	0	
<b>Fiji</b>								
Longline	No. of vessels	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Japan</b>								
Purse Seine	No. of vessels	69	60	59	63	44	42	
Longline Dist. & Off.	No. of vessels	654	632	613	633	383	378	
Longline Coastal	No. of vessels	399	422	386	402	303	298	
Artisanal fisheries	No. of vessels	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown		17,408	16,878	
Set Net	No. of licenses	1,876	1,956	1,956	1,929	1,784	1,688	
<b>Korea</b>								
large-scale purse seiners	No. of vessels	32	29	29	30	19	19	
<b>Philippines</b>								
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	
<b>Chinese Taipei</b>								
Longline	No. of vessels	684	659	632	658	485	486	
<b>U.S.A.</b>								
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	<a href="#">Not applicable</a>
<b>Vanuatu</b>								
Longline	No. of vessels	0	0	0	0	0	0	

<sup>1</sup> e.g., sets, fishing days, vessels



**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 3, CMM 2024-01)								All catches (Para 9, CMM 2024-01)					
	2002		2003		2004		2002-2004 Average		2022		2023		2024	
	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg
<b>Australia<sup>2</sup></b>														
Longline	-	6	0	12	-	10	-	9	-	9	-	27		
<b>Canada</b>														
Troll	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
<b>China</b>														
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
<b>Cook Islands</b>														
Longline	0	1,789	0	2,94	0	1,35	0	2	0	0	0	0		
<b>Fiji</b>														
Longline	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
<b>Japan<sup>3</sup></b>														
Purse Seine	5,174	3,730	4,995	774	3,466	4,792	4,545	3,099	1,010	3,676	757	3,779		
Longline Dist.&Off.	0	52	0	97	0	240	0	130	0	723	0	745		
Longline Coastal	0	794	0	1,152	0	1,616	0	1,187	98	825	98	749		
Artisanal fisheries	2,607	0	2,060	0	2,445	0	2,371	0	919	160	974	186		
Set Net	1,008	92	648	191	660	235	772	173	1,471	655	1,339	549		
Others	521	210	249	241	214	432	328	294	232	314	258	311		
Recreational fisheries									0	28	0	46		
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,310</b>	<b>4,878</b>	<b>7,952</b>	<b>2,455</b>	<b>6,785</b>	<b>7,315</b>	<b>8,016</b>	<b>4,883</b>	<b>3,731</b>	<b>6,381</b>	<b>3,426</b>	<b>6,366</b>		

<sup>2</sup> Australia catches 2002-04 are based on logbooks and 2021-23 are based on landings data

<sup>3</sup> Catches (mt) in calendar year basis, 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)

**(Japan continued)**

Catches (mt) in management year<sup>4</sup> basis, 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		2022		2023		2024	
		<30 kg	≥30 kg	<30 kg	≥30 kg	<30 kg	≥30 kg
Fisheries licensed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	Purse Seine	1,010	3,676	757	3,779		
	Longline Dist.&Off.	0	723	0	745		
Other fisheries	Longline Coastal	97	833	93	719		
	Artisanal fisheries	887	114	1,043	205		
	Set Net	1,401	553	1,156	481		
	Others	233	329	268	321		
Recreational fishery		0	28	0	46		
<b><u>Total</u></b>		<b><u>3,629</u></b>	<b><u>6,257</u></b>	<b><u>3,317</u></b>	<b><u>6,296</u></b>		
<b><u>Catch limit<sup>5</sup></u></b>		<b><u>4,258</u></b>	<b><u>6,789</u></b>	<b><u>4,258</u></b>	<b><u>6,789</u></b>		

**<sup>4</sup> Management year is as follows.**

- 5<sup>th</sup> management period: January 2019 - December 2019 for Fisheries licensed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, April 2019 - March 2020 for Other fisheries.
- 6<sup>th</sup> management period: January 2020 - December 2020 for Fisheries licensed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, April 2020 - March 2021 for Other fisheries.
- 2021 management period: January 2021 - December 2021 for Fisheries licensed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, April 2021 - March 2022 for Other fisheries.

**<sup>5</sup> Catch limit is as follows.**

- 2019 small fish: 4,007 tons - 250 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) / large fish: 4,882 tons + 250 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish)
- 2020 small fish: 4,007 tons - 450 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 681.1 tons (carry over from the previous management year)  
large fish: 4,882 tons + 450 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 527.5 tons (carry over from the previous management year) + 300 tons (transfer from Chinese Taipei)
- 2021 small fish: 4,007 tons - 450 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 681.1 tons (carry over from the previous management year)  
large fish: 4,882 tons + 450 tons (transfer from small fish to large fish) + 829.9 tons (carry over from the previous management year)

Fishery	All catches (Para 2, CMM 2023-02)								All catches (Para 9, CMM 2024-01)					
	2002		2003		2004		2002-2004 Average		2022		2023		2024	
	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg
<b>Korea</b>														
Purse seiner	932		2,601		773		1,435	0	144.7	509.0	124.8	323.1		
Set net									214.7	6.7	201.3	14.0		
Others									6.4	0.0	5.2	0.0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>932</b>		<b>2,601</b>		<b>773</b>		<b>1,435</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>365.8</b>	<b>515.7</b>	331.3	337.1		
<b>New Zealand</b>														
Longline	0	56.86	0	40.77	0	43.6	0	47.08	0	34.27	0	104.58		
Handline	0	0	0	0	0	22.2	0	7.40	0	0	0	0		
Troll	0	0	0	0	0	1.6	0	0.53	0	0	0	0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>	0	105		
<b>Philippines</b>														
Artisanal Handline or Hook-and-Line fisheries									0	2.392 (9 pcs at approx.. 250kgs each)	0	4.436 (9 pcs at approx.. 149-455 kgs each)		
<b>Chinese Taipei</b>														
Longline	0	1,523	0	1,863	0	1,714	0	1700	0	1,496	0	2,117		
Other coastal fisheries	0	4	0	21	0	3	0	9	0	2	0	5		
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1527</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1884</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1717</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,709</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,498</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,122</b>		
<b>U.S.A.<sup>6</sup></b>														
American Samoa LL	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
USA LL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Vanuatu</b>														
Longline <sup>7</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.17	0	0	0		

<sup>6</sup> Pacific bluefin tuna catches are reported on longline logsheets for the American Samoa fishery, however the species may be misidentified.

<sup>7</sup> These small catches are bycatch only. Vanuatu does not target PBF at all.

