

**The US Proposal on the Amendment of
CMM 2005-03 (CMM for NP Albacore)**

- A. The Northern Committee recommends that Conservation and Management Measure 2005-03, on North Pacific albacore, be amended as follows:

Paragraphs 4 and 8 are amended to read:

4. All CCMs shall report annually to the WCPF Commission all catches of albacore north of the equator and all fishing effort in fisheries directed at albacore, both north of the equator **and north of the equator within the Convention Area**. The reports for both catch and fishing effort shall be made by gear type. Catches shall be reported in terms of weight. Fishing effort shall be reported in terms of the most relevant measures for a given type, including at a minimum for all gear types, the number of vessel-days fished. **The report for a given calendar year shall be due on April 30 of the subsequent year. Reports for each of the years 2004 through 2009 shall be due on 30 April 2010.**

8. The WCPFC Executive Director shall communicate this conservation and management measure to the IATTC and request that the two Commissions engage in consultations with a view to reaching agreement on a consistent set of conservation and management measures for North Pacific albacore, and specifically, to propose that both Commissions adopt as soon as practicable uniform conservation and management measures that include clear and explicit baseline levels and any reporting or other measures needed to ensure compliance with agreed measures.

New paragraphs 11-15 are added:

11. For the purpose of evaluating implementation of paragraph 2, CCMs shall report to the Executive Director no later than 30 April 2010 the following information:
- a. a list of their specific fisheries or fleets they have determined to be “fishing for” North Pacific albacore in the Convention Area;
 - b. a description of the particular controls they have established to ensure that fishing effort in each of the fisheries or fleets does not increase above “current levels”; and
 - c. a description of the measures or mechanisms being used to monitor fishing effort and compliance with the established controls.

12. For the purpose of evaluating implementation of paragraphs 2-4, the Secretariat shall compile all the reports submitted under paragraphs 3 and 4 and present the compilation to the sixth regular sessions of the Northern Committee and the Technical and Compliance Committee.

13. CCMs may choose to implement the requirements of paragraph 2 and their obligations under the IATTC Resolution on North Pacific albacore without regard to the boundary between the respective areas of competence of the Commission and the IATTC, provided that the substantive requirements of the IATTC Resolution and this conservation and management measure are the same.

14. No later than at its seventh regular session, in 2011, the Northern Committee shall recommend revisions to this conservation and management measure such that the references to “current levels” in paragraphs 1 and 2 are replaced with clear and explicit baseline levels.

15. Northern Committee members that are members of the IATTC shall make every effort to participate in the IATTC working group tasked with developing an operational definition of “current levels” of fishing effort, as used in the IATTC Resolution for North Pacific albacore.