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Dear Mr. Wright,

The resolution on tuna conservation adopted by the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) at its annual meeting in June 2009 includes a paragraph regarding cooperation between the IATTC and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), which reads as follows:

“The Director shall continue efforts to promote compatibility between the conservation and management measures adopted by IATTC and WCPFC in their goals and effectiveness, including by frequent consultations with his counterpart in WCPFC, so that they can maintain, and inform their respective organizations of, a thorough understanding of conservation and management measures directed at bigeye, yellowfin, and other tunas, and the scientific bases and effectiveness of those measures.”

Thus, the IATTC clearly recognizes the importance of cooperating closely with the WCPFC in establishing complementary conservation and management measure for species of mutual interest. I trust that the members of the WCPFC will take this into consideration in their deliberations on conservation and management measures for the WCPFC region.

I would appreciate it if you would circulate this letter to the WCPFC members during your annual meeting in Tahiti.

Yours sincerely,



Guillermo Compeán
Director