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**DRAFT CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURE FOR  
PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA**

The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC),  
Recognizing that WCPFC6 adopted Conservation and Management Measure for Pacific bluefin  
tuna (CMM2009-07);

Recalling that the WCPFC6 requested the Northern Committee to develop a new draft CMM  
applying to the Korean EEZ for consideration at the WCPFC7;

*Taking account of* the conservation advice from the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Scientific  
Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) on this stock, which  
highlighted the importance that the level of F is decreased below the 2002-2004 levels, particularly  
on juvenile age classes;

*Also recognizing* that the trend of spawning stock biomass has been influenced substantially by the  
annual level of recruitment and that collecting of fisheries data in an accurate and timely manner is  
critically important for the proper management of this stock, and;

*Further recalling* that paragraph (4), Article 22 of the WCPFC Convention which requires  
cooperation between the Commission and the IATTC to reach agreement to harmonize CMMs for  
fish stocks such as Pacific bluefin tuna that occur in the Convention Areas of both organizations;

Adopts, in accordance with Article 10 of the WCPFC Convention that:

1. The interim management objective for Pacific bluefin tuna is to ensure that the current level of  
fishing mortality rate is not increased in the Convention Area. Initially, control over fishing effort  
will be used to achieve this objective as follows:

2. The Commission Members, Cooperating Non-Members and participating Territories (hereinafter  
referred to as CCMs) shall take measures necessary to ensure that total fishing effort by their  
vessels fishing for Pacific bluefin tuna in the area north of the 20 degrees north shall stay below the  
2002-2004 levels for 2011 and 2012, except for artisanal fisheries. Such measures shall include  
those to reduce catches of juveniles (age 0-3) below the 2002-2004 levels, except for Korea.  
Korea shall take necessary measures to regulate the catches of juveniles (age 0-3) by managing  
Korean fishery in accordance with this CMM. CCMs shall cooperate for this purpose.

3. CCMs shall also take measures necessary to strengthen data collecting system for Pacific bluefin  
tuna fisheries in order to improve the data quality and timeliness of all the data reporting.

4. CCMs shall report to Executive Director by 31 July 2011 and 2012 measures they used to implement paragraphs 2, 3, 6 and 7 of this CMM. The Northern Committee shall annually review reports CCMs submit pursuant to this paragraph.
5. The Northern Committee at its Regular session in 2012 shall review this CMM based on the new ISC stock assessment for Pacific bluefin tuna scheduled in 2012 and take appropriate actions.
6. The WCPFC Executive Director shall communicate this Conservation Management Measure to the IATTC Secretariat and its contracting parties whose fishing vessels engage in fishing for Pacific bluefin tuna and request them to take equivalent measures in conformity with paragraphs 2 and 3 above.
7. To enhance effectiveness of this measure, CCMs are encouraged to communicate with and, if appropriate, work with the concerned IATTC contracting parties bilaterally.
8. The provisions of paragraph 2 shall not prejudice the legitimate rights and obligations under international law of those small island developing State Members and participating territories in the Convention Area whose current fishing activity for Pacific bluefin tuna is limited, but that have a real interest in fishing for the species, that may wish to develop their own fisheries for Pacific bluefin tuna in the future.
9. The provisions of paragraph 8 shall not provide a basis for an increase in fishing effort by fishing vessels owned or operated by interests outside such developing coastal State, particularly Small Island developing State Members or participating territories, unless such fishing is conducted in support of efforts by such Members and territories to develop their own domestic fisheries.