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**EL Salvador re Vessel Operations 2010-2011 in WCPFC**

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Dear Professor Hurry,

With the objective to clarify all the information requested from TCC7 about the presence of El Salvador vessels in WCPFC during the years 2.010 and 2.011 we are sending you again a brief resume of the information:

- 1) **Year 2010.**  
Days of fishing in WCPFC Area: 23 days  
Days of fishing in overlap Area: 13 days
- 2) **Year 2.011.**  
Days of fishing in WCPFC Area. 17 days  
Days of fishing in overlap Area: 16 days.

This information has been double check with the log sheets, and the National VMS (Vessel Monitoring System).

El Salvador has been demonstrated throughout the years as a Cooperating Non Member of the WCPFC, its commitment to the compliance of all conservation and management measures, nevertheless, we cannot in our willingness to cooperate with this Commission, limit our sovereign and historical rights to fish within the overlap area as a Members of the IATTC, and also, according to the rights given to us by International law, especially considering we are a developing country with a small vulnerable economy who has just recently started to develop its high seas fisheries.

We further would like to reiterate our belief that the differences between IATTC and WCPFC in relations to overlap area should be addressed by both organizations as an urgent matter, therefore permanent meetings between both organizations should be help as soon as possible to discuss and find a solution to the management of this area.

Also inform you that a Fish Aggregation Device (FAD) Management Plan has been approved and all of our vessels are following up this Management Plan since first January, 2012. We attached a copy (Attached 1).



Regarding to the Inspection of the ALC & VMS system, we have prepare a new surveyor check list including this item to verify that the ALC WCPFC is working successfully. We attached a copy (Attached 2).

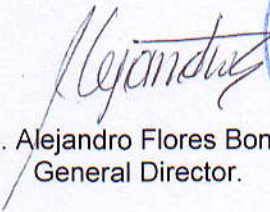
Also we are preparing the 2012 tuna fishery closure resolution that will include the participatory rights, the prohibition to fish in High Sea Pockets and also that is forbidden the discards of fish.

During 2.011 the vessels (Montelucia and Monterocio) from El Salvador:

- 1) Do not fish in WCPFC area (including overlap area) during the three months of FAD Closure.
- 2) Make a complete 63 days fishing closure in IATTC, including the overlap area.
- 3) All the trips have two observes onboard (one from Kiribati Observer's program and other from IATTC observer's program)
- 4) The vessels have been Monitoring by two different systems (one controlled by El Salvador authorities and other from FFA). During 2011 no report of incompliance from FFA has been received by El Salvador.

Finally, we reiterate the Republic of El Salvador full compliance of all the conservation and management measures and to promote responsible fishing practices and the sustainable use of the marine resources.

Sincerely yours,

  
Ing. Alejandro Flores Bonilla.  
General Director.

