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**PROPOSAL – REVISION OF CMM 2012-06
CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURE FOR PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA**

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Dear Masanori Miyahara,

At the 9th Regular Session of the Northern Committee, the Republic of Korea would like to propose a revision of CMM2012-06 for the effective implementation and evaluation of the Conservation Management Measures for Pacific Bluefin Tuna.

The purpose of this proposal is to remove ambiguity in the reference period of 2002-2004 set forth in the above-mentioned CMM by identifying each CCM's fishing effort on and catches of juvenile PBT during the period, thereby achieving objectivities in evaluating each CCM's implementation of the CMM.

Please circulate this proposal to all CCMs participating in the Northern Committee.

Best Regards,

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Attachment1 : Draft Conservation and Management Measure of Pacific Bluefin Tuna
Attachment2 : Draft CMM ANNEX 1,2

Attachment1



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Proposed by Korea

The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC):

Recognizing that WCPFC7 adopted Conservation and Management Measure for Pacific bluefin tuna (CMM2010-04);

Taking account of the conservation advice from the 12th meeting of the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) on this stock, which again 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;

Recalling that NC 8 recognized that identifying the state of catches of juvenile Pacific Bluefin tuna can contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of PBT resources,

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 2013⁴, 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 2013 measures they used to implement paragraphs 2, 3, 6 and 7 of this CMM. CCMs shall also monitor the international trade of the products derived from Pacific bluefin tuna and report the results to Executive Director by 31 July 2013. The Northern Committee shall annually review those reports CCMs submit pursuant to this paragraph;
5. The Northern Committee at its Regular session in 2013 shall review this CMM based on the new ISC stock assessment for Pacific bluefin tuna scheduled in late 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
10. CCMs shall report their fishing efforts on (attached as Annex 1) and catches (Attached as Annex 2) of juvenile (0-3 years) and adult (older than 3 years) Pacific bluefin tuna between 2002 to 2012 to the Executive Director no later than July 31,2014.