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**Report on CMM 2014-04 (Pacific bluefin tuna)**

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**



Copies of BCDs and re-export certificates are required to be submitted to NOAA Fisheries within 24 hours of a trade. NOAA Fisheries maintains a database with information on imports, exports, and re-exports of Pacific bluefin tuna. For calendar year 2014, 238 mt of bluefin tuna caught in the Pacific Ocean were imported to the United States, with 226 mt coming from Mexico and 12 mt from Japan. 161 mt of bluefin tuna caught in the Pacific Ocean in 2014 were exported from the United States.

Paragraph 10: Not Applicable

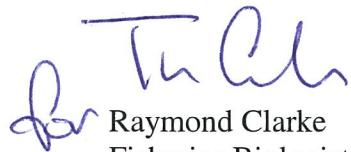
Paragraph 11: At the IATTC annual meeting in July 2015, the United States progressed a proposal on a rebuilding plan for Pacific bluefin tuna, but IATTC was unable to reach consensus on the proposal.

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Paragraph 5: The United States does not have vessels fishing for Pacific Bluefin tuna in the Convention Area north of 20° N. Please see attachment 1 for a table displaying catches of Pacific bluefin tuna in the Convention Area.

If you have any questions about this submission please contact Valerie Chan at +1 808-725-5034 or [valerie.chan@noaa.gov](mailto:valerie.chan@noaa.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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**Attachment 1.**

**Table 2. Catches (mt), including discards, of Pacific bluefin tuna in the Convention Area**

Fishery	2002		2003		2004		2013		2014	
	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg
American Samoa Longline		7		10		2		2		3
United States Longline		1		0		0.5		0		0