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Professor Glenn Hurry
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Dear Executive Director Hurry,

To fulfill the reporting requirements of WCPFC Conservation and Management Measure 2010-04 (Pacific Bluefin Tuna), the following information is provided for the United States.

Paragraph 2: The United States does not have any vessels fishing for Pacific bluefin tuna in the Convention Area north of 20 degrees North, so does not need to limit fishing effort or catches of juveniles in any of its fisheries.

Paragraph 3: The United States does not have any Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries in the Convention Area, but has data systems in place that collect data on catches of Pacific bluefin tuna in other fisheries in a timely and consistent basis.

Paragraph 6: Not applicable.

Paragraph 7: The United States has not yet taken advantage of opportunities to work with other IATTC members bilaterally, but in May 2011 the Chair of the Northern Committee held a meeting with IATTC members regarding management of Pacific bluefin tuna. The United States participated in this meeting. In addition, the United States co-sponsored with Canada, Chinese Taipei, China, and Japan a proposed Pacific Bluefin Tuna Resolution at the 2011 IATTC meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ray Clarke".

Raymond P. Clarke
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Cc: William Gibbons-Fly, U.S. Department of State

