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Report on CMM 2015-04 (Pacific bluefin tuna)

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August 8, 2016

Mr. Feleti Teo Executive Director Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission P.O. Box 2356 Kolonia Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

Dear Mr. Teo:

The following information is provided to satisfy the reporting requirements of WCPFC Conservation and Management Measure 2015-04 with respect to calendar year 2015.

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Paragraph 4: Canada does not have Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries.

Paragraph 6: Canada does not have any vessels fishing for Pacific bluefin tuna in the Convention Area or otherwise, and did not have any catches in the Convention Area in 2015.

Paragraph 8: Canada does not have Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries.

Paragraph 9: Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is working with the domestic Departments and Agencies responsible for the monitoring and control of the importation of seafood products to have them make it a priority to diligently verify that all imports of Pacific bluefin tuna are monitored and accompanied by the appropriate documentation. Canada is in the process of amending its Coastal Fisheries Protection Regulations in order to be able to ratify the FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing. Once ratified, Canada will be better able to prevent commercial transaction of Pacific bluefin tuna and its products that underrnine the effectiveness of this CMM.

Paragraph 11: Canada does not have Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries.

Paragraph 12: Canada does not have Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries. Canada imported 151mt of Pacific bluefin tuna in 2015, and did not have any exports.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Kate Johnson at <u>kate.johnson@dfo-mpo.gc.ca</u>.

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