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Australia
Pacific Bluefin reporting - CMM2015-04

From: Baldwin, Jenny [mailto:Jenny.Baldwin@agriculture.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2016 10:43 AM
To: Feleti Teo
Cc: Patterson, Heather; Trent Timmiss; SungKwon Soh; Jacob Tapp
Subject: Pacific Bluefin reporting - CMM2015-04 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Feleti

In accordance with reporting requirements for the *Conservation and Management measure to establish a multi-annual rebuilding plan for Pacific Bluefin tuna* (CMM 2015-04) please find Australia's response below:

- Australia reports nil effort north of 20°N.
- Australia has not increased its catch of Pacific bluefin tuna above its 2002-2004 baseline.
- Australia reports a fishing effort for 2015 of 7340 hooks, a nil catch of Pacific bluefin tuna of less than 30kg, 781kg of Pacific bluefin tuna that was equal or greater than 30kg and nil discards for 2015 for the Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery.
- Australia does not catch juvenile Pacific bluefin tuna.
- Australia believes its fishing activities are consistent with the intentions of this CMM and do not undermine its effectiveness.
- Australia has strengthened its monitoring of catches of Pacific bluefin tuna by making e-monitoring systems compulsory on all tuna longliners fishing for more than 30 days per year in the area of the WCPFC.
- Australia's Harmonized commodity description and coding system groups Atlantic and Pacific bluefin together and therefore Australia is unable to separate out the data specific to Pacific bluefin tuna.

Regards
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