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OUTCOMES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF NC

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9th December 2016

Northern Committee

Outcomes of extraordinary meeting of NC

1. At its 2017 meeting, NC will develop additional measures to further expedite the recovery of PBF stock.
2. In 2017, NC members will take the following voluntary measures to expedite the recovery of the Pacific Bluefin Tuna Stock in 2017.

(1) Japan

Japan will transfer a part of its catch limit for Pacific Bluefin tuna (PBF) smaller than 30kg (4,007 metric tons) to its catch limit of PBF 30 kg or larger in accordance with a new measure stipulated in paragraph 4 of the draft CMM (Attachment E of the NC Summary Report) if the recommendation from the Northern Committee is endorsed by the Commission. The amount to be used is currently under consideration.

(2) Korea

Korea will make a voluntary payback for its overharvest of PBF 30 kg or larger in accordance with its multi-year plan (see the attached Circular No. 2016/71 dated on December 2, 2016) from its annual catch limit of 718 tons of PBF smaller than 30kg.

3. NC will strengthen cooperation with IATTC to bear shared responsibilities to expedite the recovery of PBF stock.
4. NC requests that the ISC evaluate the following scenarios—in addition to the other ten scenarios already requested—prior to the anticipated ISC sponsored stakeholder meeting in 2017:

Scenario 11: 2002-04 fishing effort in all WCPO PBF-directed fisheries; 2002-04 catches of PBF (of all sizes) in all WCPO fisheries, within which catches of <30kg PBF are 50% of 2002-04 level; and 3,300 mt/yr in EPO commercial fisheries.

Scenario 12: 2002-04 fishing effort in all WCPO PBF-directed fisheries; 2002-04 catches of PBF (of all sizes) in all WCPO fisheries, within which catches of <30kg PBF are 25% of 2002-04 level; and 3,300 mt/yr in EPO commercial fisheries.