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Report on CMM 2017-08 (Pacific bluefin tuna)

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Mr. Feleti Teo
Executive Director
Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
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Dear Mr. Teo:

The following information is provided to satisfy the reporting requirement of Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Conservation and Management Measure (CMM) for Pacific Bluefin Tuna 2017-08 with respect to calendar year 2017.

Paragraph 2: Canada does not have any vessels fishing for Pacific bluefin tuna in the Convention Area or otherwise.

Paragraph 3: Canada does not have any Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries.

Paragraph 4: 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 2017.

Paragraph 6: Canada does not have any Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries.

Paragraph 7: Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is working with domestic departments and agencies 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 Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing. Once ratified, Canada will be better able to monitor and prevent the commercial transaction of Pacific bluefin tuna and its products that undermines the effectiveness of this CMM.

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Paragraph 9: Canada does not have Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries.

Paragraph 10: Canada does not have Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries. Canada imported 154 mt of Pacific bluefin tuna in 2017, and did not have any exports.

Paragraph 12: Canada does not have Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries. Canada reports to both the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission and the WCPFC. Canada also communicates and works with concerned IATTC contracting parties on a bilateral basis.

Please do not hesitate to contact Kirsten Ruecker, Senior Advisor, at Kirsten.ruecker@dfo-mpo.gc.ca should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Day". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Robert Day

Director, International Fisheries Management and Bilateral Relations

Fisheries and Oceans Canada