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**INTERIM REBUILDING PLAN FOR  
NORTH PACIFIC STRIPED MARLIN**

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*The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC):*

*Recognizing* that the latest stock assessment of North Pacific striped marlin, completed by the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-Like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) in 2019, indicated that current spawning stock biomass is depleted ( $SSB_{2018}/SSB_0 = 0.05$ ) and the average fishing mortality rate in 2015-2017 was greater than the fishing mortality rate associated with MSY ( $F/F_{MSY} = 1.07$ );

*Adopts* in accordance with Article 10 of the WPCF Convention, the following rebuilding plan for North Pacific striped marlin:

**Rebuilding Objective**

The interim rebuilding target for North Pacific striped marlin is  $20\%SSB_{F=0}$ , to be reached by 2034, with at least 60% probability. This rebuilding objective will be subject to further consideration and decision at WCPFC17, taking into account any additional scientific advice.

**Rebuilding Strategy**

Beginning in 2020, and based on the best scientific information available, members will develop measures to rebuild the stock in accordance with the rebuilding objective, with the aim of adopting revised conservation and management measures for North Pacific striped marlin at WCPFC17. Members should consider reduced catch limits and retention, release, and gear requirements, among other potential tools.