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Report on CMM 2018-02 (Pacific bluefin tuna)

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CANADA



Mr. Feleti Teo
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Dear Mr. Teo:

The following information is provided to satisfy the reporting requirement of the WCPFC Conservation and Management Measure for Pacific Bluefin Tuna 2018-02 with respect to calendar year 2018.

Para 2: Canada had no fishing effort directed at Pacific bluefin tuna (PBFT) anywhere in the Pacific Ocean in 2018. Canadian vessels are permitted to retain PBFT when they are captured as bycatch in the North Pacific (NP) albacore troll fishery.

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Para 4: Canada had no fishing effort directed at Pacific bluefin tuna (PBFT) anywhere in the Pacific Ocean in 2016, 2017, or 2018.

Canada had no catch of PBFT in 2016 or 2018. In 2017, one PBFT was caught in the Eastern Pacific Ocean as bycatch in Canada's NP albacore troll fishery.

Para 6: Canada did not have any Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries, and so did not have opportunities to gather such data.

Para 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 PBFT are monitored and accompanied by the appropriate documentation. Within the last year Canada has amended our Coastal Fisheries Protection Regulations, and ratified the FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing. These changes allow Canada to better monitor and prevent the commercial transactions that might undermine the effectiveness of this CMM.

Para 9: Canada had no directed PBFT fishery. However, any PBFT captured as bycatch in our NP albacore fishery must be recorded by harvesters in their logbook, and this information is included in scientific data reporting to IATTC and WCPFC.

Para 10: Canada did not have directed PBFT fisheries and exported no PBFT in 2018. Canada imported 113 t of PBFT in 2018.

Para 12: Canada is an active member of the IATTC, and communicates and works with concerned IATTC CPCs on a bilateral basis as appropriate.

Please do not hesitate to contact Dale Marsden, Senior Policy Advisor, at dale.marsden@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 written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "D" at the end.

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