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**Report on CMM 2019-02 (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 (CMM) for Pacific Bluefin Tuna 2018-02 with respect to calendar year 2019.

**Paragraph 2:** Canada had no fishing effort directed at Pacific bluefin tuna (PBFT) anywhere in the Pacific Ocean in 2019. Canadian vessels are permitted to retain PBFT when they are captured as bycatch in the North Pacific (NP) albacore troll fishery.

**Paragraph 3:** Canada had no fishing effort directed at PBFT anywhere in the Pacific Ocean in 2019. Canadian vessels are permitted to retain PBFT when they are captured as bycatch in the NP albacore troll fishery.

**Paragraph 4:** Canada had no fishing effort directed at PBFT anywhere in the Pacific Ocean in 2017, 2018, or 2019.

Canada had no catch of PBFT in 2018 or 2019. In 2017, one PBFT was caught in the Eastern Pacific Ocean as bycatch in Canada's NP albacore troll fishery.

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

**Paragraph 7:** Fisheries and Oceans Canada 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.

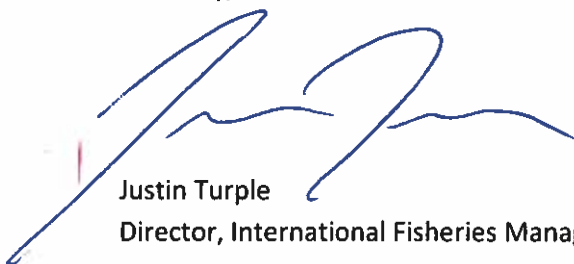
**Paragraph 9:** Canada had no directed PBFT fishery. However, any PBFT captured as bycatch in our North Pacific albacore fishery must be recorded by harvesters in their logbook, and this information is included in scientific data reporting to IATTC and WCPFC.

**Paragraph 10:** Canada did not have directed PBFT fisheries and exported no PBFT in 2019. Canada imported 114 t of PBFT in 2019.

**Paragraph 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 José Benchetrit, Senior Policy Advisor, at [jose.benchetrit@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:jose.benchetrit@dfo-mpo.gc.ca) should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Justin Turple', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Justin Turple  
Director, International Fisheries Management

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