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MANAGEMENT OF PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA**

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México has annually contributed and again once more is voluntarily providing the following information to the NC-IATTC-WG in order to contribute, and give an account-related with the Pacific Bluefin Tuna (PBF) 2019 fishing year captures in the Mexican EPO region.

Previously and for many years we have as well in these meetings presented orally the same type of information with the main objective to share, provide and cooperate for a complete view of current fishing captures of (PBF) and also in this way, to ensure the best management for the PBF across the entire Pacific Ocean.

It is also important to remark that Mexico does not fish and has never fished for PBF in the area managed by the WCPFC. All the catch of PBF by Mexican vessels has been caught within it's own Economic Exclusive Zona (EEZ).

In relation to 2019 fishing year and in accordance with Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) Resolution C-18-01 "Measures for the conservation and management of Pacific Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean, 2019 and 2020", under the catch limit established for Mexico, purse seine vessels captured 2,249 tons of PBF. All the vessels that participated in this fishery had a scientific observer on board during all fishing operations, with a 100% of coverage. All the catch was caught alive and transfer to feeding pens in the Baja California Peninsula. It is important to highlight that México is in full compliance with the obligations of the IATTC, as a member and for 2020 the annual catch was 3,268 tons.

Mexico will deeply appreciate to share this information with the Northern Committee members.

Sincerely Yours,

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