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**SUMMARY OF REPORTING RECEIVED BY WCPFC UNDER CMM 2010-05
and CMM 2015-02: SOUTH PACIFIC ALBACORE**

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Paper by Secretariat and SPC-OFP

Purpose

1. This paper presents for the information of TCC16 a summary of reporting received by the Commission under CMM 2015-02 on South Pacific Albacore and its predecessor.

CCM 2015-02 on South Pacific Albacore

2. CMM 2015-02 requires that CCMs not increase the number of their fishing vessels actively fishing for south Pacific albacore in the Convention Area south of 20°S above 2005 levels or recent 2000-2004 levels (para 1). This limit does not apply to small island developing State and Territory CCMs in the Convention Area (para 2).

3. Paragraph 4 of CMM 2015-02 requires that CCMs report the annual catch levels taken by each of their fishing vessels that have taken South Pacific albacore, as well as the number of vessels actively fishing for South Pacific albacore, in the Convention area south of 20°S. Catch by vessel shall be reported according to the following species groups: albacore tuna, bigeye tuna, yellowfin tuna, swordfish, other billfish, and sharks. Initially this information will be provided for the period 2006-2014 and then updated annually. CCMs are encouraged to provide data from periods prior to these dates.

4. Table 1 (below) collates information with respect to reporting by CCMs to the Secretariat and/or SPC-OFP in response to paragraphs 1 of CMM 2010-05 or paragraph 1 of CMM 2015-02, and paragraph 4 of CMM 2015-02.

Recommendation

5. TCC16 is invited to note the paper.

¹ Rev1 replaces the version posted on 10 November and includes updates post-TCC16 on reporting by CCMs as shown in Table 1. Of note is China's submission of complete annual, vessel-level Albacore catch data for 2006-2014 for their tuna Longline fishery for south of S20 in WCPFC Area.

Table 1: Reporting by CCMs against paragraphs 1 and 4 of CMM2015-02. (as at 4 December 2020)

		CMM 2015-02 Para. 4																CMM 2015-02 Para.1			
		2006-2014		2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			# Vessels (avg. 2000-2004)	# Vessels (2005)	NOTES
GEAR		Vessels	Catch	Vessels	Catch by vessel	Catch	Vessels	Catch by vessel	Catch	Vessels	Catch by vessel	Catch	Vessels	Catch by vessel	Catch	Vessels	Catch by vessel	Catch			
AUSTRALIA	LL	YES	YES	36	YES	585	34	YES	715	36	YES	687	53	YES	608	34	YES	646		132	5
CHINA	LL	YES	YES	70	YES	6,504	76	YES	3,945	63	YES	6,676	37	YES	4,960	81	YES	4,464		70	2, 10
COOK ISLANDS	LL	YES	YES	2	YES	58	3	YES	81	11	YES	232	8	YES	371	7	YES	264		n/a	4
EUROPEAN UNION	LL	YES	YES	4	YES	2	4	YES	0	3	YES	2	3	YES	2	3	YES	2		EU - not specified	5
FIJI	LL	YES	YES	49	YES	1,498	72	YES	2,572	65	YES	3,456	73	YES	3,538	61	YES	2,600		n/a	4
FRENCH POLYNESIA	LL	YES	Partial	42	YES	518	73	YES	636	53	YES	561	42	YES	275	41	YES	229		n/a	4
JAPAN	LL	YES	YES	NO	NO	1,402	2	YES	851	2	YES	835	27	YES	975	27	YES	580		not specified	1, 7
	PL	NO	NO	NO	YES	0	3	YES	7	2	YES	2	1	YES	39	1	YES	25		not specified	1, 7
NEW CALEDONIA	LL	YES	YES	26	YES	1,003	17	YES	1,527	16	YES	1,137	18	YES	1,271	19	YES	1,211		n/a	4
NEW ZEALAND	LL	YES	YES	34	YES	121	32	YES	223	32	YES	180	34	YES	193	28	YES	102		270	5
	TR	YES	YES	139	YES	2,425	137	YES	1,669	115	YES	1,952	148	YES	2,271	145	YES	2,635		combined with LL	5
NIUE	LL	YES	YES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		n/a	6
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	LL	NO	NO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		not specified	6
SOLOMON ISLANDS	LL	YES	YES	5	YES	49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		n/a	6
CHINESE TAIPEI	LL	YES	YES	YES	YES	3,264	44	YES	4,947	61	YES	7,517	65	YES	8,393	50	YES	6,139		81	9
TONGA	LL	YES	YES	5	YES	31	4	YES	46	6	YES	22	5	YES	19	6	YES	22		n/a	4
USA	LL	YES	YES	3	YES	14	2	YES	3	3	YES	7	0	YES	0	0	YES	0		not specified	3, 5
	TR	YES	YES	7	YES	224	9	YES	256	15	YES	555	12	YES	557	9	YES	789		not specified	3
VANUATU	LL	YES	YES	21	YES	3,369	16	YES	289	26	YES	3,412	24	YES	4,432	15	YES	3,557		n/a	4

NOTES

1. Japan provided 2006-2014 vessels and catch according to CMM 2015-02 Para 4. requirements on 31st October 2016. Japan provided 2015-2019 vessels and catch in their SC16 AR Part 1 (July 2020).
2. China provided 2015 vessels and catch according to CMM 2015-02 Para 4. requirements on 4th November 2016.
3. USA provided 2006-2014 vessels and catch according to CMM 2015-02 Para 4. requirements on 10th June 2017. USA also provided 2015-2019 vessel catch and vessel numbers.
4. Operational data submitted to SPC (as a member country) on a regular basis since 2000 and therefore satisfies the requirement for producing breakdowns of catch and vessel numbers by year.
5. Operational data submitted to WCPFC for years 2015-2019, and therefore satisfies the requirement for producing breakdowns of catch and vessel numbers by year.
6. These fleets do not appear to have been active in the WCPFC Area south of 20°S for years 2015 onwards.
7. Operational data submitted to WCPFC for 2016-2019, and therefore satisfies the requirement for producing breakdowns of catch and vessel numbers by year. Operational data provided for 2015 does not cover the area south of 20°S while there is evidence of catch.
8. Cells with 'Partial' mean that coverage of the catch by vessel data was evaluated to be < 80% but > 40%. Cells with 'NO' mean that coverage of the catch by vessel data was evaluated to be < 40%.
9. Chinese Taipei provided 2006-2014 vessels and catch according to CMM 2015-02 Para 4. requirements on 31st December 2016. Chinese Taipei also provided 2015 vessel catch and vessel numbers on this date. The 2016 catch has been determined from aggregate catch/effort data provided by Chinese Taipei. The 2017-2019 catch and vessels has been determined from operational data provided to the WCPFC by Chinese Taipei.
10. Operational data submitted to WCPFC for years 2006-2019, which would normally satisfy the requirement for producing breakdowns of catch and vessel numbers by year, but coverage is not 100%. However, China also provided separate summaries of annual catch by vessel for the WCPFC area south of 20°S (according to CMM 2015-02 Para 4.) which represents 100% coverage.