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Dear Prof. Hurry,

In accordance with paragraph 2 and 3 of Conservation and Management Measure for Pacific Bluefin Tuna(CMM 2010-04), the following measures have been implemented by this Agency to strengthen data collecting system for the Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries and to ensure our vessels fishing for Pacific bluefin tuna in the area north of the 20 degrees north would not exceed the 2002-2004 levels for 2012, including but not limited to :

1. While we made the entry limit for our fishing fleets, we also revised our domestic regulation in March, 2010 to further set the number of our vessels fishing for north Pacific bluefin tuna to 660 at most. In 2012, 530 of our vessels in total have been authorized by this Agency to fish for this species.
2. In accordance with the said revised regulation, we have introduced Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) throughout the island. When Pacific bluefin tuna is caught on the sea, it shall be tied with tag and such catch information shall be reported by the captain to fishery radio stations. In addition, the captain shall submit relevant documents regarding CDS before his catch is allowed to be landed and sold.
3. As most of our vessels fishing for Pacific bluefin tuna landed and sold their catch at home ports in recent years, the officers of this Agency have been deployed at landing sites in Taiwan to verify the catch and related documents. Furthermore, we sent more personnel to measure the size and weight at landing sites for the past three years to strengthen data collecting system. Since the sampling rate at landing sites in Taiwan is 100 percent in 2012, we think the data collection of this species and the qualities of such data have been greatly improved.

Kind regards,


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