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MANAGEMENT OF PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA
SIXTH SESSION (JWG-06)**

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REPORT ON CMM 2020-02 (PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA)

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AUSTRALIA

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Subject: AU reporting under CMM 2020-02 - Pacific Bluefin [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Feleti

In accordance with reporting requirements for CMM 2020-02 please find Australia's response below:

- Australia reports nil effort north of 20°N.
- Australia has not increased its catch of Pacific bluefin tuna above its 2002-2004 baseline.
- Australia reports a fishing effort for 2020 of 16626 hooks, nil catch of Pacific bluefin tuna of less than 30kg, 919kg of Pacific bluefin tuna that was equal to or greater than 30kg and 1 discard for 2020.
- Australia does not catch juvenile Pacific bluefin tuna.
- Australia's Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery (ETBF) operates on a calendar year basis.
- Australia believes its fishing activities are consistent with the intentions of this CMM and do not undermine its effectiveness.
- Australia has strengthened its monitoring of catches of Pacific bluefin tuna by making e-monitoring systems compulsory on all tuna longliners fishing in the area of the WCPFC.
- Given Australia's longline fishery is a domestic fishery operating primarily inside Australia's EEZ situated in the western parts of the Convention Area, Australia generally does not engage in IATTC or with IATTC contracting parties bilaterally. Australia would of course be willing to engage with IATTC members to enhance the effectiveness of this CMM in the future if appropriate opportunities arose.

Hope all is travelling well in Pohnpei. Look forward to seeing you again (virtually) soon!

Kind regards

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