

**JOINT IATTC AND WCPFC-NC WORKING GROUP MEETING ON THE  
MANAGEMENT OF PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA  
SIXTH SESSION (JWG-06)**

**ELECTRONIC MEETING**  
8am-11am, Japan Standard Time  
27-29 July 2021

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**REPORT ON CMM 2020-02 (PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA)**

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**CANADA**



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Mr. Feleti Teo:

The following information is provided to satisfy the 2020 reporting requirement of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) conservation and management measure for Pacific Bluefin tuna (CMM 2020-02).

**Paragraph 2:** Canada had no fishing effort directed at Pacific Bluefin tuna (PBFT) anywhere in the Pacific Ocean in 2020. Canadian vessels are permitted to retain PBFT when it is captured as bycatch in the North Pacific (NP) albacore troll fishery.

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**Paragraph 5:** Canada had no fishing effort directed at PBFT anywhere in the Pacific Ocean in 2018, 2019, or 2020. Canada had no catch of PBFT in 2018, 2019, or 2020.

**Paragraph 7:** Canada did not have any fisheries targeting PBFT fisheries, and therefore had no opportunity to gather such data.

**Paragraph 8:** Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) works with other Canadian departments and agencies to monitor and control the importation of seafood products. This work includes diligent verification, by relevant authorities, that all imports of PBFT are accompanied by the appropriate documentation. In 2019, Canada ratified the FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing, further demonstrating Canada's commitment to preventing any commercial transactions that might undermine the effectiveness of this conservation and management measure.

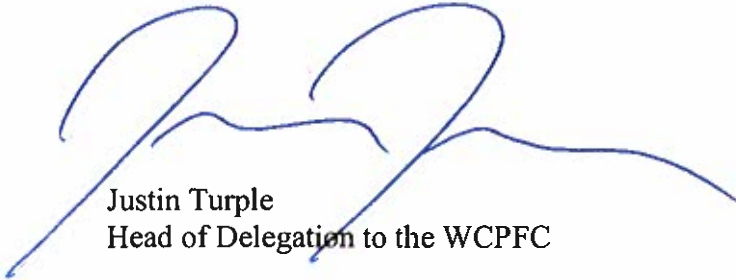
**Paragraph 10:** Canada had no directed PBFT fishery. However, any PBFT captured as bycatch in our North Pacific albacore troll fishery must be recorded by harvesters in their logbook, and this information is included in scientific data reporting to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and the WCPFC.

**Paragraph 11:** Canada did not have directed PBFT fisheries and exported no PBFT in 2020. Canada imported approximately 70t t of PBFT in 2020.

**Paragraph 13:** Canada is an active member of the IATTC. Canada communicates and works with concerned IATTC parties on a bilateral basis as appropriate.

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Sincerely,



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