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Toyama, Japan (Hybrid)

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**Updated information on North Pacific albacore fishing effort<sup>1</sup>**  
(Reference: Attachment C/Annex A in NC7 Summary Report)

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**WCPFC-NC21-2025/WP-01**

**Secretariat**

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<sup>1</sup> [CCMs' comments on their effort information, as submitted via email, are annexed in Attachment A.](#)

**Table 1.** Average annual catch of North Pacific albacore (metric tonnes)

CCM	Data pertain to WCPFC Area only or entire N Pacific?	Fisheries with ANY catch of NP albacore	"Fishing for" NP albacore? (Y/N)	2006-2010 average annual catch
<b>Canada</b>	N Pacific	Albacore troll	Y	5,911
Total catches for Canada:				5,911
Catches in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				5,911
% of total catch in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				100
<b>China</b>	N. Pacific	Longline	Y	1,967
	N. Pacific	Longline	N	98
Total catches for China:				1,967
Catches in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				1,869
% of total catch in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				95
Note: Historically, there are 10 longliners seasonally operating in the high seas of Northern Pacific Ocean targeting albacore, which covered the Convention Areas of WCPFC and IATTC				
<b>Cook Islands</b>	N Pacific total catches	Albacore troll	Y	31
	N Pacific total catches	Longline	Y	8
Total catches for Cook Islands:				39
Catches in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				39
% of total catch in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				100
<b>Fiji</b>	N. Pacific	LL	N	1.2
Total catches for Fiji Islands:				1.2
Catches in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				0
% of total catch in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				0
<b>Japan</b>	CA only	LL Coast	Y	16,817
		LL DW	Y	4,230
		PL Coast	N	89
		PL DW	Y	24,504
		PS Coast	N	14
		PS DW	N	1,841
		GN	N	430
		Troll	N	505
		Set Net	N	52
		Others	N	36
Total catches for Japan:				48,518
Catches in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				45,551
% of total catch in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				94
<b>Korea</b>	CA only	LL DW	Y	18
	CA only	LL DW	N	157
Total catches for Korea:				175

Catches in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				18
% of total catch in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				10
<u>NOTE:</u> Three LL DW participated in fishing for NP Albacore in 2007 and 2008, and the catch was 87 tons.				
<b>Philippines</b>	N Pacific	others	N	75
Total catches for Philippines (average for 2009-2011):				75
Catches in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				0
% of total catch in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				0
<u>NOTE:</u> Catches are mainly from artisanal Hook-and-Line Gear (non-targeting ALB)				
<b>Chinese Taipei</b>	N Pacific	albacore LL	Y	2,548
	N Pacific	LL others	N	552
Total catches for Chinese Taipei:				3,100
Catches in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				2,548
% of total catch in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				82
<b>United States</b>	N Pacific	Albacore troll	Y	12,344
		Longline	N	288
		Gillnet	N	3
		Pole and line	N	0
		Purse seine	N	23
		Other	N	577
Total catches for United States:				13,236
Catches in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				12,344
% of total catch in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				93
<u>NOTE:</u> 1) These USA (2006-2010) data may not be confirmed from figures available to the Secretariat. 2) US response: See all our annual reports under CMM 2005-03, the latest of which is dated 30 April 2012.				
<b>Vanuatu</b>	N Pacific	albacore LL	Y	2,525
	N Pacific	LL others	N	135
Total catches for Vanuatu:				2,661
Catches in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				2,525
% of total catch in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				<a href="#">94</a>
<b>Belize</b>	CA only	LL	Y	95
Total catches for Belize:				95
Catches in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				95
% of total catch in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				100
<u>NOTE:</u> catch unsegregated by area				
<b>Federated States of Micronesia</b>	CA only	LL	N	18
Total catches for FSM:				18
Catches in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				0
% of total catch in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				0

<u>NOTE:</u> Commenced fishery in 2009				
<b>Marshall Islands</b>	CA only	LL	N	N/A
Total catches for RMI:				
Catches in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				
% of total catch in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore:				
<u>NOTE:</u> Commenced fishery in 2008				

**Table 1-1.** Average annual catch (metric tonnes) of NP albacore during 2006-2010 (from Table 1)

Country	Target category	CA only	N Pacific
Canada	Target		5,911
	Non-Target		0
China	Target		1,967
	Non-Target		98
Cook Islands	Target		39
	Non-Target		0
Fiji	Target	0	0
	Non-Target	0	1.2
Japan	Target	45,551	
	Non-Target	2,967	
Korea	Target	18	
	Non-Target	157	
Philippines	Target		0
	Non-Target		75
Chinese Taipei	Target		2,548
	Non-Target		552
United States of America	Target		12,344
	Non-Target		892
Vanuatu	Target		2,525
	Non-Target		136
Belize	Target	95	
	Non-Target	0	
FSM	Target	0	
	Non-Target	18	
<b>Total Catch</b>			
		<b>CA only</b>	<b>N Pacific</b>
Total catch	Target	45,664	25,236
	Non-T	3,142	1,754
	Total catch	48,806	26,990
Proportion	Target	94%	94%
	Non-T	6%	6%
		100%	100%

**Table 2.** Fishing effort fishing for North Pacific albacore

CCM	Area <sup>2</sup>	Fishery <sup>3</sup>	2002-04 Average		2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
			No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days
Canada <sup>4</sup>	N Pacific	ALB troll	215	8,898	213	8,564	174	6,243	207	6,902	137	5,773	138	6,540	161	7,294
	CA <sup>5</sup> only	ALB troll	8	256	1	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
China	N Pacific	LL	10	1,250	10	1,230	10	1150	2	260	2	250	2	280	2	240
Cook Islands	N Pacific	ALB troll	4	183	2	240	2	171	1	57	1	0	0	0	0	0
	N Pacific	LL	1	2	1	4	0	0	1	37	1	17	0	0	0	0
Fiji <sup>6</sup>	N Pacific	LL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Japan <sup>7</sup>	CA only	LL Coast	296	40,988	289	41,197	287	43,366	273	43,480	276	40,030	280	43,536	286	45,877
		LL DW	633	26,851	591	21,548	538	21,186	494	21,712	480	17,823	361	12,060	342	13,084
		PL DW	141	19,839	134	20,442	125	16,059	106	16,931	104	15,667	104	15,248	101	15,541
Korea <sup>8</sup>	CA only	LL DW	0 <sup>9</sup>	0 <sup>8</sup>	0	0	0	0	3	268	3	107	0	0	0	0
Philippines <sup>10</sup>	N Pacific	Handline	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chinese Taipei <sup>11</sup>	N Pacific	ALB LL	25		23	2,363	24	4,156	21	3,360	18	2,603	13	2,082	20	2,093
USA	N Pacific	ALB troll		13,311		11,552		10,892		11,552		11,138		13,339		13,076
	CA only	ALB troll		789		371		66		42		*		*		*
Vanuatu <sup>12</sup>	N Pacific	LL	34	2,753	26	1,983	32	2,868	23	2,133	20	1,883	14	1,248	10	1,053

\* Data in the WCPO were confidential

<sup>2</sup> Data pertain to WCPFC Area only or entire N Pacific?

<sup>3</sup> Fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore

<sup>4</sup> NOTE: For Canada no fishing inside the CA since 2005

<sup>5</sup> Convention Area

<sup>6</sup> Fiji do not have any vessels targeting North Pacific Albacore in the NP Ocean.

<sup>7</sup> Japanese albacore data indicates the fisheries in north of the equator within CA.

<sup>8</sup> Korea's fishing effort "fishing for" NP albacore occurred in 2007 and 2008, and non-target fishing effort occurred every year in the North Pacific.

<sup>9</sup> Korea does not have any vessels targeting directly North Pacific albacore in the North Pacific Ocean.

<sup>10</sup> Estimates under study. Refer to Notes in Table 2-1 for further information.

<sup>11</sup> This data just indicates the fishery fishing for NP albacore only

<sup>12</sup> Para. 38, NC20 Summary Report: "After reviewing the licensing information on Vanuatu albacore longline vessels and their historical effort data, the NC noted that a tentative baseline of Vanuatu is 34 vessels and 2,753 days, which are the average figures for 2003 – 2005."

**Table 2 (continued).** Fishing effort fishing for North Pacific albacore

CCM	Area	Fishery	2002-04 Average		2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016	
			No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days
Canada	N Pacific	ALB troll	215	8,898	161	8,556	172	5,974	183	6,465	160	4,747	164	5,197	152	5,359
	CA only	ALB troll	8	256	1	3	2	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
China	N Pacific	LL	10	1,250	10	1240	10	1280	10	1220	10	1290	10	900	10	910
Cook Islands	N Pacific	ALB troll	4	183												
	N Pacific	LL	1	2									2	22	1	68
Fiji <sup>13</sup>	N Pacific	LL	0	0	0	0	9	230	29	920	20	663	10	88	8	170
Japan	CA only	LL Coast	296	40,988	273	42,996	266	38,977	248	37,529	246	35,362	237	37,801	229	37,308
		LL DW	633	26,851	341	12,683	320	13,818	321	13,406	305	13,305	285	11,763	256	10,419
		PL DW	141	19,839	98	13,433	95	14,646	85	12,781	84	12,147	84	12,743	81	13,923
Korea	CA only	LL DW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Philippines	CA only	Artisanal fishery (non-targeting)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chinese Taipei	N Pacific	ALB LL	25		21	1,839	21	1,423	22	2,108	22	2,348	23	2,401	24	2,259
USA	N Pacific	ALB troll		13,311		13,983		15,218		13,509		12,199		11,506		12,691
	CA only	ALB troll		789		155		*		*		7		8		0
Vanuatu	N Pacific	LL	34	2,753	24	1,248	21	760	27	1,916	25	1,904	22	2,771	18	1,382

Italic = preliminary data

\* Data in the WCPO were confidential

<sup>13</sup> Fiji do not have any vessels targeting North Pacific Albacore in the NP Ocean.

**Table 2 (continued).** Fishing effort fishing for North Pacific albacore

CCM	Area	Fishery	2002-04 Average		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
			No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days
Canada	N Pacific	ALB troll	215	8,898	121	4,978	121	4,196	122	3,882	104	3,301	113	3,687	118	4,073
	CA only	ALB troll	8	256	5	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0
China	N Pacific	LL	10	1,250	10	850	10	838	10	1,249	10	1,075	10	295	10	429
Cook Islands	N Pacific	ALB troll	4	183	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	N Pacific	LL	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fiji <sup>14</sup>	N Pacific	LL	0	0	4	114	6	180	5	149	4	132	2	43	0	0
Japan	CA only	LL Coast	296	40,988	233	35,566	229	34,725	225	34,231	226	35,573	230	36,418	222	29,135
		LL DW	633	26,851	253	10,154	248	10,126	249	9,987	249	10,182	249	10,308	237	7,533
		PL DW	141	19,839	82	12,659	80	13,236	76	12,321	75	11,093	74	10,531	69	9,487
Korea <sup>15</sup>	CA only	LL DW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		PS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Philippines	N Pacific	HL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chinese Taipei	N Pacific	ALB LL	25		25	2,567	25	2,943	25	2,338	25	2,079	25	2,070	25	2,283
USA	N Pacific	ALB troll		13,311		12,675		10,959		10,949		8,727		7,399		8,475
	CA only	ALB troll		789		571		121		0		27		0		0
Vanuatu	N Pacific	LL	34	2,753	23	1,510	27	2,035	26	2,087	32	2,224	29	2,736	26	1,889

<sup>14</sup> Fiji do not have any vessels targeting North Pacific Albacore in the NP Ocean.<sup>15</sup> Korea does not have any vessels targeting directly North Pacific albacore in the North Pacific Ocean.



**Table 2 (continued).** Fishing effort fishing for North Pacific albacore

CCM	Area	Fishery	2002-04 Average		2023		2024		2025		2026		2027		2028	
			No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days	No. of vessels	Vessel days
Canada	N Pacific	ALB troll	215	8,898	<u>80</u> <del>79</del>	<u>2,117</u> <del>2,100</del>	<u>100</u>	<u>3,618</u>								
	CA only	ALB troll	8	256	0	0										
China	N Pacific	LL	10	1,250	10	811.9		<u>889</u> <sup>16</sup>								
Cook Islands	N Pacific	ALB troll	4	183	0	0	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>								
	N Pacific	LL	1	2	0	0	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>								
Fiji <sup>17</sup>	N Pacific	LL	0	0	0	0	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>								
Japan	CA only	LL Coast	296	40,988	207	31,629	<u>210</u>	<u>34,640</u>								
		LL DW	633	26,851	228	10,478	<u>219</u>	<u>10,563</u>								
		PL DW	141	19,839	67	6,713	<u>67</u>	<u>8,845</u>								
Korea <sup>18</sup>	CA only	LL DW	0	0	0	0	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>								
		PS	0	0	0	0	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>								
Philippines	N Pacific	HL	0	0	0	0	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>								
Chinese Taipei	N Pacific	ALB LL	25		25	1,907	<u>25</u>	<u>1,950</u>								
USA	N Pacific	ALB troll		13,311		5,559		<u>5,990</u>								
	CA only	ALB troll		789		0		<u>0</u>								
Vanuatu	N Pacific	LL	34	2,753	17	1,324	<u>12</u>	<u>919</u>								

<sup>16</sup> In 2024, China controlled the fishing effort limit for albacore tuna north of the equator through total fishing days control (China's total fishing days being 1,250 days).

<sup>17</sup> Fiji do not have any vessels targeting North Pacific Albacore in the NP Ocean.

<sup>18</sup> Korea does not have any vessels targeting directly North Pacific albacore in the North Pacific Ocean.

**Table 2-1.** As requested by the NC12 (Paragraph 57) related to Paragraph 2 in CMM 2005-03, CCMs are requested to report on how to control their fishing effort fishing for North Pacific albacore by indicating, for example, limiting vessels, fishing days, licenses, or some other measures.

CCM	Area	Fishery	Regulation of fishing effort
Canada	N Pacific	ALB troll	<p>Canada issues domestic “CT” fishing licenses for Albacore Tuna. The CT license is intended to act as a management measure to strengthen management of the domestic tuna fishery, and help ensure Canada is meeting international obligations related to effort. As of 2013, commercial license holders wanting to harvest tuna are required to hold a primary license (with Schedule II privileges) and apply for/receive a separate CT (Tuna) license. The CT license authorizes fishing of Pacific Albacore tuna in Canada’s Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and on the high seas under separate license conditions. The CT license is vessel-based and must be renewed annually.</p> <p>Canadian license holders without a primary license are able to access tuna in international high seas waters through “Section 68 High Seas” licenses. The Section 68 license is intended to act as a management measure to strengthen management of the tuna fishery in the high seas, and help ensure Canada is meeting international obligations related to effort. The Section 68 licence must be renewed annually.</p>
	CA only	ALB troll	<p>Canada issues domestic “CT” fishing licenses for Albacore Tuna. The CT license is intended to act as a management measure to strengthen management of the domestic tuna fishery, and help ensure Canada is meeting international obligations related to effort. As of 2013, commercial license holders wanting to harvest tuna are required to hold a primary license (with Schedule II privileges) and apply for/receive a separate CT (Tuna) license. The CT license authorizes fishing of Pacific Albacore tuna in Canada’s Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and on the high seas under separate license conditions. The CT license is vessel-based and must be renewed annually.</p> <p>Canadian license holders without a primary license are able to access tuna in international high seas waters through “Section 68 High Seas” licenses. The Section 68 license is intended to act as a management measure to strengthen management of the tuna fishery in the high seas, and help ensure Canada is meeting international obligations related to effort. The Section 68 license must be renewed annually.</p> <p>Canadian licence holders wishing to fish for tuna in the WCPFC Convention Area will need to request amended Conditions of Licence from the Canadian Tuna Resource Manager. These amended Conditions of Licence will be issued once it has been confirmed that the various requirements specific to harvesting in the WCPFC Convention Area have been met.</p>
China	N Pacific	LL	The number of fishing vessels is limited by the license system.

<b>Cook Islands</b>	N Pacific	ALB troll	Not Applicable, CK currently has no troll vessels in the fishery
	N Pacific	LL	Limited by license.
<b>Fiji</b>	N Pacific	LL	Vessel Size class & capacity, Licenses and other measures specified in Offshore Fisheries Management Act 2012 & Offshore Fisheries Management Regulation 2014 and National Strategy for Fiji Fishing Vessels Operating in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.
<b>Japan</b>	CA only	LL Coast	The number of fishing vessels is limited by the license system.
		LL DW	The number of fishing vessels is limited by the license system.
		PL DW	The number of fishing vessels is limited by the license system.
<b>Korea</b>	CA only	LL DW	There has been no Korean flagged fishing vessel targeting for N.ALB. However, all authorized fishing vessels operating in the CA are required to report their catches including non-targeting species daily via the e-reporting system.
<b>Philippines</b>	-	-	<p>Not applicable</p> <p><i>Notes from 2023 Annual Report Part 1:</i></p> <p><a href="#">833 MT(2024)</a> - catches for this species are mainly coming from municipal or artisanal gears (e.g. hook-and-line) and this is not a target species for these gear/s.</p> <p>Fishing effort for municipal or artisanal gears (e.g., hook-and-line) are difficult to quantify, as recognized by the Commission there are some fleets such as the Philippines that has some practical difficulties compiling this information. Also, it would be important to note that Philippines do not target albacore (<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>), this species is mainly caught as bycatch and seasonal in nature.</p>
<b>Chinese Taipei</b>	N Pacific	ALB LL	<p>1.We have limited the number of our fishing vessels fishing for North Pacific albacore to stay below 25 since CMM 2005-03 was implemented. The vessel number is controlled when we issue the fishing permit every year.</p> <p>2.For other fishing vessels that are not allowed to fish for North Pacific albacore, their bycatches of this albacore would be monitored to stay below a certain ratio</p>
<b>USA</b>	N Pacific	ALB troll	The United States has a single fleet that fishes for North Pacific albacore in the Convention Area: the albacore troll fleet is based out of the U.S. West Coast. The albacore troll fleet is not currently subject to effort or catch controls, but permitting, VMS, and reporting (through vessel logbooks) requirements enable the United States to monitor the fishery, including levels of participation, fishing effort and catches. The United States will continue to monitor fishing effort and implement any controls needed to comply with paragraph 2 of the CMM, as well as with relevant decisions adopted in other RFMOs (IATTC).
	CA only	ALB troll	The United States has a single fleet that fishes for North Pacific albacore in the Convention Area: the albacore troll fleet is based out of the U.S. West Coast. The albacore troll fleet is not currently subject to effort or catch controls, but permitting, VMS, and reporting

			(through vessel logbooks) requirements enable the United States to monitor the fishery, including levels of participation, fishing effort and catches. The United States will continue to monitor fishing effort and implement any controls needed to comply with paragraph 2 of the CMM, as well as with relevant decisions adopted in other RFMOs (IATTC).
<b>Vanuatu</b>	N Pacific	ALB LL	Vanuatu has reviewed its baseline to use information on vessel's licensing data for the years 2002-2004 for vessel who fished for North Pacific Albacore. Information on Vessel days is estimated using the 2004 vessel days average (2004 as the year with the most data from the 3 baseline years) and this estimate is used to calculate the average Vessel days for the effort baseline. With this revision Vanuatu is in compliant with the measure and will continue to monitor fishing effort and implement any controls needed to comply with paragraph 2 of the CMM.

**Canada**

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**Subject:** RE: NC21: submission of catch/effort data for NPA, PBF and NPSWO

Dear SungKwon,

Please find attached the Canadian NC21-WP-01 North Pacific albacore fishing effort updates.

Noting that Canada did not fish in the WCPFC CA in 2024 and Canada has no directed PBF fishery and no history of NP swordfish catch/effort.

Best,  
Sarah

**China**

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**Subject:** Re: NC21: submission of catch/effort data for NPA, PBF and NPSWO  
**Importance:** High

Dear SK,

According to statistics, China's **swordfish** catch north of the equator in 2024 did not exceed 200 tons; therefore, it does not meet the requirements of paragraphs 2 and 4 of the measure.

In 2024, China controlled the fishing effort limit for **albacore** tuna north of the equator through total fishing days control (China's total fishing days being 1,250 days), and the operating days of Chinese vessels fishing for albacore tuna north of the equator were less than 1,250 days.

In 2024, China had no longline fishery targeting **bluefin** tuna north of the equator, nor any bycatch of bluefin tuna.

If you have any questions regarding the information in the attachment, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you very much.

Regards,  
Li Yan  
COFA

### **Cook Islands**

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**Subject:** RE: NC21: submission of catch/effort data for NPA, PBF and NPSWO

Kia orana SK,

Please find the 2024 updates for NP ALB/NP PBF and NP SWO catches related to the Cook Islands annual catch.

As you know, the Cook Islands do not currently target these species and have no fishing vessels operating north of 10 degrees north.

Thank you.

Tiare-Renee Nicholas

### **Fiji**

**From:** Moses Mataika <mataika.moses@gmail.com>  
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**To:** SungKwon Soh <SungKwon.Soh@wcpfc.int>  
**Subject:** Re: NC21: submission of catch/effort data for NPA, PBF and NPSWO

Bula Vinaka SK,

Please find below a copy of Fijis filled in forms in preparations for NC. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Vinaka,  
Moses.M

### **Japan**

**From:** 金納 雅英(KANNOU Masahide) <masahide\_kanno210@maff.go.jp>  
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**Cc:** 大南 あかり(OONAMI Akari) <akari\_onami830@maff.go.jp>  
**Subject:** RE: Reporting on NP albacore and NP swordfish - Japan is outstanding

Dear SungKwon-san,

Thank you for your continuous support.

I would like to submit the report NP albacore and swordfish and revised PBF report.

Best regards,  
Masahide

**Republic of Korea**

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**Subject:** North Pacific Albacore catch and effort

Dear Secretariat,

I hope this email finds you well.

This is to report Korea's 2024 catch and effort of North Pacific Albacore as attached in accordance with paragraph 3 of CMM 2019-03. Please let me know should you need any clarification.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Ilkang Na  
Republic of Korea

**Catch of albacore tuna in the WCPFC Convention Area of North Pacific**

CCM	Area	Fishery	2024		
			No. of vessels	Vessel days	Catch(Kg)
Republic of Korea	north of the equator	Longline	0	0	471,211
		Purse seine	0	0	0

\* No fishing efforts were directed at albacore in the Convention area north of the equator in 2024.

\* All albacore catches in 2024 were bycatches.

**Philippines**

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**Subject:** Re: NC21: submission of catch/effort data for NPA, PBF and NPSWO

Hi Dr. SK,

Please see attached files of the NC21 Templates for the Philippines.

Thank you.

Best regards,

**Chinese Taipei**

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**Subject:** RE: NC21: submission of catch/effort data for NPA, PBF and NPSWO

Dear SK,

Attached please find our annual PBF report, fishing effort fishing for north pacific albacore, and annual fishing effort for fisheries taking north pacific swordfish for 2025.

Best regards,  
Shao-Wei

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**United States of America**

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**Subject:** REVISED: 2025 U.S. reporting requirement for WCPFC CMM 2019-03



Dear ED Moss-Christian,

Please accept the attached revised letter from Jason Philibotte for the annual U.S. reporting under WCPFC CMM 2019-03 for North Pacific albacore. We note that we had revised data to incorporate into the attached letter.

Specifically, the two numbers adjusted are in Table 1: the Pacific-wide U.S. sport catch for 2024 and the 2024 total.

Thanks and kind regards,  
Emily

On Wed, Apr 23, 2025 at 12:42 PM Emily Reynolds via PIRO WCPFC <[emily.reynolds@noaa.gov](mailto:emily.reynolds@noaa.gov)> wrote:  
Dear ED Moss-Christian,

Please see the attached letter from Jason Philibotte with the annual U.S. reporting under WCPFC CMM 2019-03 for North Pacific albacore.

Thanks and kind regards,  
Emily

**Emily Reynolds**

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**Attachment 1. United States reporting under WCPFC Conservation and Management Measures 2019-03; reported April 2025.**

**Table 1. Estimated catches of albacore (metric tons) by U.S. vessels north of the equator in the Pacific Ocean, by gear type, 2020-2024 (provisional).**

Area	Gear type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
WCPO	U.S. Albacore Troll	18	0	0	0	0
	A.S. Longline	8	30	22	26	25
	U.S. Longline	48	105	108	238	194
	U.S. Handline	3	5	5	5	29
	U.S. Tropical Troll	0	1	1	0	2
Pacific	U.S. Albacore Troll	7,509	4,210	8,441	3,161	4,697
	A.S Longline	8	30	22	26	25
	U.S. Longline	139	196	179	480	219
	U.S. Gillnet	0	0	1	0	0
	U.S. Handline	3	5	5	5	29
	U.S. Purse Seine	0	0	0	0	1
	U.S. Sport	260	248	587	568	865
	U.S. Tropical Troll	0	1	1	0	2
	U.S. Other	8	64	65	10	4
	Total*	7,927	4,754	9,300	4,249	5,843

\*Sum of data may not add to total due to rounding

**Table 2. Estimated fishing effort (vessel-days fished) by U.S. vessels in fisheries directed at albacore north of the equator in the convention area and north of the equator in the Pacific Ocean, 2020-2024 (provisional).**

CCM	Area	Fishery	2002-2004 Average		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
			No. vessels	No. vessels	No. of Vessels	Vessel Days	No. of Vessels	Vessel Days	No. of Vessels	Vessel Days	No. of Vessels	Vessel Days	No. of Vessels	Vessel Days
US	WCPO	Alb.Troll				27		0		0		0		0
US	Pacific	Alb.Troll				8,727		7,399		8,475		5,559		5,990

### **Vanuatu**

**From:** Lucy Joy <ljoy@fisheries.gov.vu>

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**Cc:** Jeyalda Ngwele <njeyalda@fisheries.gov.vu>; Tony Taleo <ttaleo@fisheries.gov.vu>

**Subject:** Re: NC21: submission of catch/effort data for NPA, PBF and NPSWO

Dear SungKwon,

We submit for your perusal our 2024 reports for North Pacific Albacore, Pacific Bluefin tuna and North Pacific Swordfish.

Please kindly confirm receipt of the attached and let us know if you have any questions.

Thankyou and kind regards,

Lucy A Joy