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**Updated information on North Pacific albacore fishing effort[[1]](#footnote-1)**

(Reference: Attachment C/Annex A in NC7 Summary Report)

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

**Secretariat**

**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** |
| **Canada** | 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 |
|  | | | | |
| **China** | 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 | | | | |
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| **Cook Islands** | 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 |
|  | | | | |
| **Fiji** | 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 |
|  | | | | |
| **Japan** | 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 |
|  | | | | |
| **Korea** | 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 |
| NOTE: Three LL DW participated in fishing for NP Albacore in 2007 and 2008, and the catch was 87 tons. | | | | |
|  | | | | |
| **Philippines** | 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 |
| NOTE: Catches are mainly from artisanal Hook-and-Line Gear (non-targeting ALB) | | | | |
|  | | | | |
| **Chinese Taipei** | 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 |
|  | | | | |
| **United States** | 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 |
| NOTE:  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. | | | | |
|  | | | | |
| **Vanuatu** | 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: | | | | 94 |
|  | | | | |
| **Belize** | 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 |
| NOTE: catch unsegregated by area | | | | |
|  | | | | |
| **Federated States of Micronesia** | 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 |
| NOTE: Commenced fishery in 2009 | | | | |
|  | | | | |
| **Marshall Islands** | 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: | | | |  |
| NOTE: 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 |  |
| **Total Catch** | | | |
|  |  | **CA only** | **N Pacific** |
| **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[[2]](#footnote-2) | Fishery[[3]](#footnote-3) | 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[[4]](#footnote-4) | 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[[5]](#footnote-5) 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[[6]](#footnote-6) | N Pacific | LL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Japan[[7]](#footnote-7) | 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[[8]](#footnote-8) | CA only | LL DW | 0[[9]](#footnote-9) | 08 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 268 | 3 | 107 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Philippines[[10]](#footnote-10) | N Pacific | Handline | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chinese Taipei[[11]](#footnote-11) | 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[[12]](#footnote-12) | 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

**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[[13]](#footnote-13) | 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

**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[[14]](#footnote-14) | 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[[15]](#footnote-15) | 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 |

**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 | 80 | 2,117 | 100 | 3,618 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CA only | ALB troll | 8 | 256 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| China | N Pacific | LL | 10 | 1,250 | 10 | 811.9 |  | 889[[16]](#footnote-16) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cook Islands | N Pacific | ALB troll | 4 | 183 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| N Pacific | LL | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fiji[[17]](#footnote-17) | N Pacific | LL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Japan | CA only | LL Coast | 296 | 40,988 | 207 | 31,629 | 210 | 34,640 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LL DW | 633 | 26,851 | 228 | 10,478 | 219 | 10,563 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PL DW | 141 | 19,839 | 67 | 6,713 | 67 | 8,845 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Korea[[18]](#footnote-18) | CA only | LL DW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Philippines | N Pacific | HL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chinese Taipei | N Pacific | ALB LL | 25 |  | 25 | 1,907 | 25 | 1,950 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| USA | N Pacific | ALB troll |  | 13,311 |  | 5,559 |  | 5,990 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CA only | ALB troll |  | 789 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vanuatu | N Pacific | LL | 34 | 2,753 | 17 | 1,324 | 12 | 919 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**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.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **CCM** | **Area** | **Fishery** | **Regulation of fishing effort** |
| **Canada** | N Pacific | ALB troll | 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.  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. |
| CA only | ALB troll | 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.  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.  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. |
| **China** | N Pacific | LL | The number of fishing vessels is limited by the license system. |
| **Cook Islands** | N Pacific | ALB troll | Not Applicable, CK currently has no troll vessels in the fishery |
| N Pacific | LL | Limited by license. |
| **Fiji** | 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. |
| **Japan** | 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. |
| **Korea** | 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. |
| **Philippines** | - | - | Not applicable  *Notes from 2023 Annual Report Part 1*:  833 MT(2024) - 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.  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 (*Thunnus alalunga*), this species is mainly caught as bycatch and seasonal in nature. |
| **Chinese Taipei** | N Pacific | ALB LL | 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. 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 |
| **USA** | 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). |
| **Vanuatu** | 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. |

**Attachment A.**

**Canada**

**From:** Hawkshaw, Sarah (DFO/MPO) <Sarah.Hawkshaw@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>   
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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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**Cc:** Rhea Moss-Christian <Rhea.Moss-Christian@wcpfc.int>; Eidre Sharp <Eidre.Sharp@wcpfc.int>; Elaine G. Garvilles <Elaine.Garvilles@wcpfc.int>  
**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**

**From:** Tiare-Renee Nicholas <t.nicholas@mmr.gov.ck>   
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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

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**Fiji**

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**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,

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**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

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| **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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**Cc:** Joeren Yleana <jyleana@bfar.da.gov.ph>  
**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

Shao-Wei Lu

Pacific Ocean Fisheries Management Section,

Distant Water Fisheries Division,

Fisheries agency, Ministry of Agriculture

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**United States of America**

**From:** Emily Reynolds via PIRO WCPFC <emily.reynolds@noaa.gov>   
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**Cc:** Jason Philibotte <jason.philibotte@noaa.gov>; Lara Manarangi-Trott <Lara.Manarangi-Trott@wcpfc.int>; SungKwon Soh <SungKwon.Soh@wcpfc.int>; Eidre Sharp <Eidre.Sharp@wcpfc.int>; Rachel Ryan <ryanrl@state.gov>; Hilary Ayrton <Hilary.Ayrton@wcpfc.int>; Joseph Jack <Joseph.Jack@wcpfc.int>  
**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).**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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).**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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>   
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 17, 2025 10:33 AM  
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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

1. CCMs’ comments on their effort information, as submitted via email, are annexed in Attachment A. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Data pertain to WCPFC Area only or entire N Pacific? [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. NOTE: For Canada no fishing inside the CA since 2005 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Convention Area [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Fiji do not have any vessels targeting North Pacific Albacore in the NP Ocean. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Japanese albacore data indicates the fisheries in north of the equator within CA. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Korea does not have any vessels targeting directly North Pacific albacore in the North Pacific Ocean. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. Estimates under study. Refer to Notes in Table 2-1 for further information. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. This data just indicates the fishery fishing for NP albacore only [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. 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.**”** [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. Fiji do not have any vessels targeting North Pacific Albacore in the NP Ocean. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. Fiji do not have any vessels targeting North Pacific Albacore in the NP Ocean. [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. Korea does not have any vessels targeting directly North Pacific albacore in the North Pacific Ocean. [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
16. 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). [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
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