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Dear ED Moss-Christian:

The following information is provided to satisfy the reporting requirements of WCPFC Conservation and Management Measure 2024-01 (Pacific Bluefin Tuna) and CMM 2024-02 (Monitoring, Control and Surveillance of Pacific Bluefin Tuna) with respect to calendar year 2025.

For CMM 2024-01:

Paragraph 2: The United States does not have any vessels fishing for Pacific bluefin tuna in the Convention Area north of 20 degrees north, so it does not need to limit fishing effort in any of its fisheries. The U.S. did not catch any Pacific bluefin tuna less than 30 kg in 2025.

Paragraph 3: This paragraph does not apply to the United States.

Paragraph 4: The U.S. 2002-2004 annual average levels of Pacific bluefin catch 30 kg or greater was less than 10 mt. In 2025, the U.S. catches of Pacific bluefin tuna 30 kg or larger totaled 3 mt.

Paragraph 8: The United States has laws and regulations in place to ensure that fish and fish product that is harvested in violation of foreign laws or treaties cannot be lawfully imported into the United States and entered in to commerce. These laws and regulations could apply to commercial transactions in Pacific bluefin tuna and its products that undermine the effectiveness of this CMM.

Paragraph 9: Please see attachment 1 for tables displaying fishing effort by vessels fishing for Pacific bluefin and catches of Pacific bluefin tuna in the Convention Area.

Paragraph 10: The United States does not catch any age-0 fish (less than 2kg).

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Paragraph 12: The United States monitors the international trade of Pacific bluefin tuna through its Highly Migratory Species International Trade Permit (HMS ITP) program. All importers,



exporters and re-exporters of Pacific bluefin tuna products are required to hold an HMS ITP. Domestic regulations (50 CFR 300 Subpart M) require that each import, export or re-export of Pacific bluefin tuna be accompanied by a bluefin tuna catch document (BCD) (please see attachment) containing information on area of harvest, product information, and trade information. Copies of BCDs and re-export certificates are required to be submitted to NOAA Fisheries within 24 hours of a trade. NOAA Fisheries maintains a database with information on imports, exports, and re-exports of Pacific bluefin tuna.

Paragraph 14: Although the United States does not have any Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries in the Convention Area, it does have a system in place that collects data on the few incidentally caught Pacific bluefin tuna in its other fisheries (e.g. longline) in a timely and consistent manner.

Paragraph 15: See response to paragraph 12. For calendar year 2025, 4,237 mt of bluefin tuna caught in the Pacific Ocean were imported to the United States, with 4,088 mt coming from Mexico, 139 mt coming from Japan, and 8 mt from New Zealand. Australia and Chinese Taipei each contributed less than 1 mt. No bluefin tuna caught in the Pacific Ocean in 2025 were exported or re-exported from the United States.

Paragraph 17: The United States plans to collaborate with Mexico, Japan, Korea and other interested parties during the upcoming meetings of the IATTC and WCPFC's Northern Committee.

For CMM 2024-02:

Paragraph 3: The United States does not have any vessels fishing for Pacific bluefin tuna in the Convention Area and/or farming so is reporting the by-catch of Pacific bluefin tuna under paragraph 9 of CMM 2024-01, as noted above and below in Attachment 1.

If you have any questions about this information please contact Emily Reynolds at +1 808-725-5039 or emily.reynolds@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

cc: Rachel Ryan, U.S. Department of State

Attachment 1. Fishing Effort by vessels fishing for Pacific bluefin and catches of Pacific bluefin in the Convention Area.

Table 1. Fishing effort by vessels fishing for Pacific bluefin tuna in the area north of 20°N in the Convention Area

Fishery	Unit of fishing effort (e.g., sets, fishing days, vessels)	2002	2003	2004	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Table 2. Catches (mt), including discards, of Pacific bluefin tuna¹ in the Convention Area

Fishery	2002		2003		2004		2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg	<30kg	≥30kg
American Samoa Longline	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
United States Longline	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	3

¹ Pacific bluefin tuna catches have been reported on longline logsheets for the American Samoa fishery, however the species may be misidentified.

