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Mr. Andrew Wright  
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Dear Mr. Wright,

To fulfill the requirements of paragraph 4 of Conservation and Management Measure 2005-03, Conservation and Management Measure for North Pacific Albacore, the tables below indicate all catches of albacore north of the equator and all fishing effort north of the equator in fisheries directed at albacore, for the years 2004 and 2005.

The United States is committed to fulfilling the requirements of paragraph 3 of the Conservation and Management Measure, regarding semi-annual reporting of albacore catches. We will begin submitting reports under that paragraph as soon as possible.

Estimated annual catches (metric tons) by U.S. vessels of albacore north of the equator in the Pacific Ocean, by gear type, 2004 and 2005.

	2004	2005
Distant-water troll	13,432	9,122
Gill net	9	20
Troll and handline	160	183
Longline	560	277
Pole-and-line	126	66
Purse seine	1	0
Sport and unclassified	1,506	1,719

Estimated annual fishing effort (vessel-days fished) by U.S. vessels north of the equator in the Pacific Ocean in fisheries directed at albacore, by gear type, 2004 and 2005.

	2004	2005
Distant-water troll	23,979	23,557

Please contact me if you have any questions about these data.

Sincerely,

William L. Robinson  
Regional Administrator

cc: William Gibbons-Fly, U.S. Department of State

