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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 for North Pacific Albacore, Tables 1 and 2 (enclosed) 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 2005 and 2006. The data for 2005 are an update of our previous submission.

To fulfill the requirements of paragraph 3 of Conservation and Management Measure 2005-03 for North Pacific Albacore, Table 3 (enclosed) indicates all catches of albacore north of the equator for the six-month period July 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

If you have any questions about these data please contact Tom Graham at +1 808-944-2219.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William L. Robinson".

William L. Robinson
Regional Administrator

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



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Table 1. Estimated catches (metric tons) by U.S. vessels of albacore north of the equator in the Pacific Ocean, by gear type, 2005 and 2006.

	2005	2006
Distant-water troll	9,122	12,857
Gill net	20	2
Troll and handline	170	86
Longline	299	272
Pole and line	66	11
Purse seine	2	0
Sport and unclassified	1,719	345
TOTAL	11,398	13,573

Table 2. Estimated 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, 2005 and 2006.

	2005	2006
Distant-water troll	27,401	21,896

Table 3. Estimated catches (metric tons) by U.S. vessels of albacore north of the equator in the Pacific Ocean, by gear type, July 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

	July 1 – December 31, 2006
Distant-water troll	12,849
Gill net	2
Longline	76
Pole and line	11
Purse seine	0
Sport	345
Other	80
TOTAL	13,363