



Distant Water Tuna Fleet 2013

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Foreword

We are pleased to present the following report, “Distant Water Tuna Fleet 2013” (U.S. Purse Seine Fleet), which has been prepared by the U.S. Coast Guard and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Section 421 of the *Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006* (as amended) (Pub. L. No. 109-241) directs the annual reporting of landings of tuna, and capacity and trends of the fleet.



The Department notes that, from year to year, the content of this report differs little. In lieu of a report, the Department recommends that it brief congressional staff. In light of this, the Department therefore recommends the Congress repeal this reporting requirement and, for the Committee’s consideration, offers up the following remedial text.

“SEC. xxx. REPEAL; ANNUAL REPORT ON DISTANT WATER TUNA FLEET.

“Section 421(f) of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-241; 120 Stat. 548, as amended) is repealed.”

Pursuant to congressional requirements, this report is being provided to the following Members of Congress:

The Honorable John D. Rockefeller IV
Chairman, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

The Honorable John Thune
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

The Honorable Bill Schuster
Chairman, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

The Honorable Nick J. Rahall II
Ranking Member, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

The Honorable Doc Hastings
Chairman, House Committee on Natural Resources

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
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For any further questions you may have, you or your staff may contact the Coast Guard Senate Liaison Office at (202) 224-2913 or House Liaison Office at (202) 225-4775.

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I. Legislative Language

This report responds to the requirement set forth in Section 421 of the *Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006* (Pub. L. No. 109-241), as amended by the *Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010* (Pub. L. No. 111-281), and as amended by *Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2012* (Pub. L. No. 112-213) which states:

Coast Guard Maritime and Transportation Act of 2012

SEC. 701. DISTANT WATER TUNA FLEET.

Section 421 of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–241; 120 Stat. 547) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

“(b) LICENSING RESTRICTIONS—

“(1) IN GENERAL. —Subsection (a) only applies to a foreign citizen who holds a credential that is equivalent to the credential issued by the Coast Guard to a United States citizen for the position, with respect to requirements for experience, training, and other qualifications.

(2) TREATMENT OF CREDENTIAL. —An equivalent credential under paragraph (1) shall be considered as meeting the requirements of section 8304 of title 46, United States Code, but only while a person holding the credential is in the service of the vessel to which this section applies.”

(2) in subsection (c) by inserting “or Guam” before the period at the end; and

(3) in subsection (d) by striking “on December 31, 2012” and inserting “on the date the Treaty on Fisheries Between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America ceases to have effect for any party under Article 12.6 or 12.7 of such treaty, as in effect on the date of enactment of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2012.”

Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010

SEC. 904. MANNING REQUIREMENT.

Section 421 of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–241; 120 Stat. 547) is amended—

...

(3) in subsection (d), by striking “48 months after the date of enactment of this Act.” and inserting “on December 31, 2012.”; and

(4) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (f) and ...

Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006 (as amended)

SEC. 421. DISTANT WATER TUNA FLEET.

(d) EXPIRATION.—This section expires on the date the Treaty on Fisheries Between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America ceases to have effect of any party under article 12.6 or 12.7 of such treaty as in effect on the date of enactment of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2012.

(f) REPORTS.—On March 1, 2007, and annually thereafter until the date of expiration of this section, the Coast Guard and the National Marine Fisheries Service shall submit a report to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Natural Resources of the House of Representatives, providing the following information on the United States purse seine fleet referred to in subsection (a):

(1) The number and identity of vessels in the fleet using foreign citizens to meet manning requirements pursuant to this section and any marine casualties involving such vessels.

(2) The number of vessels in the fishery under United States flag as of January 1 of the year in which the report is submitted, the percentage ownership or control of such vessels by non-United States citizens, and the nationality of such ownership or control.

(3) Description of any transfers or sales of United States flag vessels in the previous calendar year, and the disposition of such vessel, including whether the vessel was scrapped or sold, and, if sold, the nationality of the new owner and location of any fishery to which the vessel will be transferred.

(4) Landings of tuna by vessels under flag in the 2 previous calendar years, including an assessment of landing trends, and a description of landing percentages and totals—

(A) delivered to American Samoa and any other port in a State or territory of the United States; and

(B) delivered to ports outside of a State or territory of the United States, including the identity of the port.

(5) An evaluation of capacity and trends in the purse seine fleet fishing in the area covered by the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Treaty, and any transfer of capacity from such fleet or area to other fisheries, including those governed under the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Convention.

II. Foreign Crew Employment and Reportable Marine Casualties in 2013

Table 1: Foreign citizens employed to meet manning requirements and reportable marine casualties involving U.S.-flagged Western Pacific Purse Seine Vessels (See notes at end of Table).

| VESSELNAME¹ | VESSEL ID NUMBER | FLAG STATE | USES FOREIGN CITIZENS FOR OFFICER MANNING^{2,3,*} | REPORTABLE MARINE CASUALTIES, 2013^{4**} |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---|---|
| AMERICAN EAGLE | 1206090 (8974398) | US | Yes, 2 of 3 positions. Issued manning exemption letter in 2013. | None Reported |
| AMERICAN ENTERPRISE | 1209513 (9294628) | US | Yes, 2 of 3 positions. Issued one 3 month temporary manning exemption letter in 2013. | None Reported |
| AMERICAN TRIUMPH ^{5,6} | 1215734 (8743762) | US | Yes, 1 of 3 positions. | None Reported |
| AMERICAN VICTORY ⁵ | 1215847 (9556674) | US | Yes, 2 of 3 positions. | None Reported |
| CAPE BRETON | 1060977 (7803255) | US | No, 0 of 3 positions. | Death, Man overboard from small boat. |
| CAPE COD | 599831 (7806283) | US | No, 0 of 3 positions. | None Reported |
| CAPE ELIZABETH III | 962922 (9018892) | US | No, 0 of 3 positions. | None Reported |
| CAPE FERRAT | 1074874 (7803267) | US | No, 0 of 3 positions. | None Reported |
| CAPE FINISTERRE | 610466 (7912094) | US | No, 0 of 3 positions. | None Reported |
| CAPE HATTERAS | 1217627 (8215493) | US | No, 0 of 3 positions. | None Reported |
| CAPE HORN | 939836 (8718079) | US | Yes, 1 of 3 positions. Issued a manning exemption in 2013. | Violated Captain of the Port Order 13-005 ¹ |
| F/V CAPE MAY | 645777 (8103028) | US | Yes, 1 of 3 positions. Issued a manning exemption letter in 2013. | None Reported |

¹ The Captain of the Port established a Temporary Safety Zone in Pago Pago Harbor as a result of a tropical cyclone in the area. The zone requires the evacuation of all vessels over 200GT from the port. The Master refused to leave port with the vessel. Vessel manager submitted a heavy weather mooring plan that the Coast Guard did not approve.

| VESSELNAME¹ | VESSEL ID NUMBER | FLAG STATE | USES FOREIGN CITIZENS FOR OFFICER MANNING^{2,3,*} | REPORTABLE MARINE CASUALTIES, 2013^{4**} |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------|--|---|
| CAPE SAN LUCAS | 1209784 (8119651) | US | No, 0 of 3 positions. | None Reported |
| CAPT. VINCENT GANN ^{1,5} | 953794 (9018880) | US | Yes, 1 of 3 positions. | Malfunction main engine fire detection system |
| CAROL LINDA | 624971 (7827445) | US | No, 0 of 3 positions. | None Reported |
| DANIELA | 531005 (7107716) | US | Yes, 1 of 3 positions. Issued a manning exemption letter in 2013. | None Reported |
| FREISLAND | 1216624 (9310953) | US | No, 0 of 3 positions. | Shark bite/injury. . Medical evacuation. |
| ISABELLA | 1212240 (8111465) | US | No, 0 of 3 positions. | None Reported |
| JEANETTE | 565986 (7505865) | US | Yes, 1 of 3 positions. Issued a manning exemption letter in 2013. | None Reported |
| JUDIBANA ^{1,7} (New Entrant) | 554146 | US | No, 0 of 3 positions. | None Reported |
| KOORALE | 545564 (7233280) | US | No, 0 of 3 positions. | None Reported |
| OCEAN CHALLENGER | 1209712 (9517264) | US | Yes, 2 of 3 positions. Issued a manning exemption letter(s) in 2013. | None Reported |
| OCEAN CONQUEST | 1202618 (9097343) | US | Yes, 2 of 3 positions. Issued a manning exemption letter in 2013. | None Reported |
| OCEAN ENCOUNTER | 1202619 (8996218) | US | Yes, 2 of 3 positions. Issued a manning exemption letter in 2013. | None Reported |
| OCEAN EXPEDITION | 1205812 (9097367) | US | Yes, 2 of 3 positions. Issued a manning exemption letter(s) in 2013. | None Reported |
| OCEAN GALAXY | 1214839 (8996310) | US | Yes, 2 of 3 positions. Issued manning exemption letter(s) in 2013. | None Reported |
| OCEAN WARRIOR | 1205808 (9097317) | US | Yes, 2 of 3 positions. Issued manning exemption letter(s) in 2013. | None Reported |

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--|---|
| PACIFIC BREEZE | 1212040 (9417397) | US | Yes, 2 of 3 positions. Issued manning exemption letter(s) in 2013. | Two seamen injured when shackle broke and boom swung and struck them. |
| PACIFIC PRIDE | 1214250 | US | Yes, 2 of 3 positions. Issued a manning exemption letter in 2013. | None Reported |
| PACIFIC PRINCESS | 600678 (7806271) | US | No, 0 of 3 positions. | None Reported |
| PACIFIC RANGER | 1214248 (9394789) | US | Yes, 2 of 3 positions. Issued a manning exemption letter(s) in 2013. | One death, two injuries. Collision with foreign helicopter in flight. Loss of helicopter, damage to vessel. |
| RAFFAELLO | 539046 (7212377) | US | No, 0 of 3 positions. | None Reported |
| SEA BOUNTY | 1214841 (8996188) | US | Yes, 2 of 3 positions. Issued manning exemption letter in 2013. | None Reported |
| SEA DEFENDER | 1202621 (8996190) | US | Yes, 2 of 3 positions. Issued a manning exemption letter(s) in 2013. | None Reported |
| SEA ENCOUNTER | 604592 (7823360) | US | No, 0 of 3 positions. | None Reported. |
| SEA FOX | 1207469 (9097329) | US | Yes, 2 of 3 positions. Issued a manning exemption letter in 2013. | None Reported. |
| SEA HONOR | 1210858 (9517276) | US | Yes, 2 of 3 positions. Issued manning exemption letter in 2013. | None Reported. |
| SEA QUEST | 1203206 (9097355) | US | Yes, 2 of 3 positions. Issued a manning exemption letter(s) in 2013. | None Reported. |
| SEA TRADER | 1207470 (9097379) | US | Yes, 2 of 3 positions. Issued manning exemption letter(s) in 2013. | Collision with Taiwanese fishing vessel. Vessel damage sustained. No injuries reported. |
| WESTERN PACIFIC | 564010 (7508893) | US | No, 0 of 3 positions. | None Reported |

Table 1 Legend:

VESSEL NAME – The name under which the vessel is currently documented.

VESSEL ID NUMBER – The Coast Guard identification number. When available, the Lloyd’s number is listed parenthetically.

USES FOREIGN CITIZENS FOR MANNING – Based on contact with the vessel, or vessel’s agent, owner, or owner’s representative.

Table 1 Footnotes:

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- ¹ Where included, parenthetical note after a vessel name shows status as a re-entrant and licensee to fish in the Treaty area, or as a new entrant and licensee to fish in the Treaty area during 2013.
- ² Officer manning on these vessels generally requires and/or includes 3 licensed positions: (1) Master/Captain (must be a U.S. citizen); (2) Chief Mate/Mate/Navigator/Deck Officer (titles vary per crew manifest); (3) Chief Engineer/Engineer (may include a second engineering officer if a live watch is maintained in the engine room).
- ³ Because the Coast Guard may not physically visit these vessels more than once per year, some crew manifests and manning information can only be derived from reports obtained at the time this report is prepared. Crew manifests are only required to be submitted to the Coast Guard if a vessel enters or departs from a Captain of The Port Zone such as Guam or American Samoa.
- ⁴ Information on Reportable Marine Casualties is generated from the Coast Guard’s Marine Information for Safety and Law Enforcement (MISLE) database.
- ⁵ Information submitted by operators indicate that foreign officers are being utilized however a manning exemption letter has not been requested and/or Coast Guard approved.
- ⁶ Did not call on American Samoa or Guam in 2013.
- ⁷ U.S. built JUDIBANA joined the U.S. distant water tuna fleet in January 2013 after being last registered in Vanuatu. According to the NOAA Pacific Island Regional Office the vessel did not commercially operate under the South Pacific Tuna Treaty in 2013.
- * The Coast Guard published policy guidance on June 1, 2011, regarding eligibility for a manning exemption letter that would permit temporarily filling a licensed position with a foreign citizen (excluding the master) on distant water tuna fleet vessels. The policy became effective on July 1, 2011. In 2013, 23 vessels received at least one manning exemption letter. According to Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), one vessel utilizing foreign mariners did not call on American Samoa or Guam in 2013 as required. Manifest information was submitted in one Coast Guard data call by all the vessel operators through a representative citing that 16 out of the 40 vessels are all U.S.-manned in the three licensed positions. This information may not be accurate for the entire year as manning can vary over that time frame. Non-compliant vessel owners/operators may be subject to civil penalty action.
- ** Following the changes in the 2012 Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act, and after consultation with industry and Congressional staff, the Coast Guard Published CG-CVC Policy Letter 13-04 with an effective date of 1 March 2014. CG-543 Policy Letter 11-05 was cancelled at that time. Day-to-day management of the policy shifted from Coast Guard Headquarters to the Fourteenth Coast Guard District in Honolulu, Hawaii on the same date.

III. Percentages of Foreign Ownership or Control in 2013

Table 2: Percentage of foreign ownership or control of U.S.-flagged Western Pacific purse seine vessels.

| VESSEL NAME (ENDORSEMENT) | VESSEL ID NUMBER | FLAG STATE | FOREIGN OWNERSHIP/CONTROL | NATIONALITY FOREIGN OWNER |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| AMERICAN EAGLE (Registry) | 1206090 (8974398) | US | 25% or less | Unknown |
| AMERICAN ENTERPRISE (Registry) | 1209513 (9294628) | US | 25% or less | Unknown |
| AMERICAN TRIUMPH (Registry) | 1215734 | US | 25% or less | Unknown |
| AMERICAN VICTORY (Registry) | 1215847 | US | 25% or less | Unknown |
| (CAPE BRETON) (Registry) | 1060977 (7803255) | US | 25% or less | Unknown |
| CAPE COD (Fishery & Registry) | 599831 (7806283) | US | 25% or less | Unknown |
| CAPE ELIZABETH III (Fishery & Registry) | 962922 (9018892) | US | 25% or less | Unknown |
| CAPE FERRAT (Registry) | 1074874 | US | 25% or less | Unknown |
| CAPE FINISTERRE (Fishery & Registry) | 610466 (7912094) | US | 25% or less | Unknown |
| CAPE HATTERAS (Registry) | 1217627 (8215493) | US | 25% or less | Unknown |
| CAPE HORN (Fishery & Registry) | 939836 (8718079) | US | 25% or less | Unknown |
| F/V CAPE MAY (Fishery & Registry) | 645777 (8103028) | US | 25% or less | Unknown |
| CAPE SAN LUCAS (Registry) | 1209784 (8119651) | US | 25% or less | Unknown |

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|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| CAPT. VINCENT GANN (Fishery & Registry) | 953794 (9018880) | US | 25% or less | Unknown |
| CAROL LINDA (Registry) | 624971 (7827445) | US | 25% or less | Unknown |
| DANIELA (Fishery, Registry & Coastwise) | 531005 (7107716) | US | 25% or less | Unknown |
| FREISLAND (Registry) | 1216624 (9310953) | US | 50% or less | Unknown |
| ISABELLA (Registry) | 1212240 (8111465) | US | Not reported, Not required | Unknown |
| JEANETTE (Fishery & Registry) | 565986 (7505865) | US | 25% or less | Unknown |
| JUDIBANA (Fishery & Registry) | 554416 | US | Not reported, not required | Unknown |
| KOORALE (Fishery & Registry) | 545564 (7233280) | US | 25% or less | Unknown |
| OCEAN CHALLENGER (Registry) | 1209712 (9517264) | US | 50% or less | Unknown |
| OCEAN CONQUEST (Registry) | 1202618 (9097343) | US | 50% or less | Unknown |
| OCEAN ENCOUNTER (Registry) | 1202619 (8996218) | US | 50% or less | Unknown |
| OCEAN EXPEDITION (Registry) | 1205812 (9097367) | US | 50% or less | Unknown |
| OCEAN GALAXY (Registry) | 1214839 | US | 50% or less | Unknown |
| OCEAN WARRIOR (Registry) | 1205808 (9097317) | US | 50% or less | Unknown |
| PACIFIC BREEZE (Registry) | 1212040 | US | 25% or less | Unknown |

| VESSEL NAME (ENDORSEMENT) | VESSEL ID NUMBER | FLAG STATE | FOREIGN OWNERSHIP/CONTROL | NATIONALITY FOREIGN OWNER |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| PACIFIC PRIDE (Registry) | 1214250 | US | Not reported, not required | Unknown |
| PACIFIC PRINCESS (Registry) | 600678 (7806271) | US | 25% or less | Unknown |
| PACIFIC RANGER (Registry) | 1214248 | US | Not reported, not required | Unknown |
| RAFFAELLO (Fishery & Registry) | 539046 (7212377) | US | 25% or less | Unknown |
| SEA BOUNTY (Registry) | 1214841 | US | 50% or less | Unknown |
| SEA DEFENDER (Registry) | 1202621 (8996190) | US | 50% or less | Unknown |
| SEA ENCOUNTER (Registry) | 604592 (7823360) | US | 25% or less | Unknown |
| SEA FOX (Registry) | 1207469 (9097329) | US | 50% or less | Unknown |
| SEA HONOR (Registry) | 1210858 (9517276) | US | Not reported, not required | Unknown |
| SEA QUEST (Registry) | 1203206 (9097355) | US | 50% or less | Unknown |
| SEA TRADER (Registry) | 1207470 (9097379) | US | 50% or less | Unknown |
| WESTERN PACIFIC (Fishery & Registry) | 564010 (7508893) | US | 25% or less | Unknown |

Table 2 Legend:

VESSEL NAME –The name under which the vessel is currently documented.

ENDORSEMENT –The entry on the vessel’s Certificate of Documentation, which demonstrates the vessel is entitled to engage in a specified trade. A “Registry” endorsement entitles a vessel to employment in the foreign trade; trade with Guam, American Samoa, Wake, Midway, or Kingman Reef; and any other employment for which a coastwise, Great Lakes, or fishery endorsement is not required. Vessels subject to this report need only have a “Registry” endorsement to obtain a license to fish under the Treaty. A “Fishery” endorsement entitles a vessel to engage in fisheries as defined in 46 CFR § 67.3. Vessels foreign-built or rebuilt in a foreign shipyard are not eligible for a “Fishery” endorsement. A “Coastwise” endorsement entitles a vessel to employment in unrestricted coastwise trade, and is generally reserved for vessels built in the United States or granted coastwise trading privileges by special legislation.

VESSEL ID NUMBER –The Coast Guard identification number. When available, the Lloyd’s number is listed parenthetically.

PERCENTAGE FOREIGN OWNERSHIP/CONTROL and NATIONALITY OF FOREIGN OWNERSHIP – Citizenship information for owner(s) of a vessel is provided on the application for vessel documentation forms to the U.S. Coast Guard. Records indicate vessels subject to this report are all owned by organizations, not individuals. In such cases, and when required, applicants need only certify U.S. citizen ownership and/or management control are above a certain percentage. There is no regulatory requirement to indicate the percentage of stock/equity owned by U.S. citizens, unless the vessel is owned by a partnership. If the vessel is owned by a partnership (six of the vessels in this report are owned by a partnership), at least 50 percent of the equity in the partnership must be owned by U.S. citizens to obtain a “Registry” endorsement. The majority (27 of 39) of the vessels subject to this report carry only a “Registry” endorsement on their Certificate of Documentation.

The information provided in Table 2, above, regarding percentage of foreign ownership/control was extracted from the last approved “Application for Documentation,” Form CG-1258, with the U.S. Coast Guard National Vessel Documentation Center. The Coast Guard does not require information regarding nationality of any foreign ownership interest when applying for documentation. The Coast Guard has no information regarding the nationality of any non-U.S. stock or equity holders. Some vessels have applied for an exemption from the U.S. Citizen ownership and control requirements of the American Fisheries Act of 1998 in accordance with 46 U.S.C § 12113(c)(3) and the Maritime Administration’s implementing regulation at 46 C.F.R § 356.51(e)(2).

For any fishing vessel greater than 100 feet in length, the Maritime Administration approves the U.S. citizenship for the endorsement sought, regardless of what is reflected on the Coast Guard National Vessel Documentation Center’s application.

IV. Transfer or Sale of United States Flag Vessels.

No transfer or sale of United States vessels occurred in 2013.

V. Assessment of Landings and Trends

In 2013, preliminary landings data (available through January 24, 2014) show over 250,000 metric tons of tuna landed by the U.S. Purse Seine Fleet operating in the western and central Pacific (Table 3). Although the 2013 data are relatively complete, the information presented in Table 3 should be considered indicative and preliminary. The compilation of timely landings data continues to be a challenge with many U.S. purse seine vessels that conduct transshipping from Pacific Island ports. There is a considerable time lag between offloading and when the National Marine Fisheries Service receives the final species composition and cannery receipts. As such, the landing trends may vary somewhat upon final calculation of total landings by port.

The preliminary 2013 landings estimate show the U.S. Western and Central Pacific Ocean Purse Seine Fleet cumulative landings decreased by almost 7,000 metric tons from the previous year. The 2012 landings suggest that transshipments from the Republic of the Marshall Islands (Majuro) continue to replace American Samoa as the principle port of unloading for the U.S. fleet. With the addition of the 2013 preliminary landings it appears that over two-thirds of the catches by the U.S. fleet were transshipped through Pacific Island ports.

Yellowfin and bigeye tuna landings estimates are combined given that species differentiation as reported by the vessels is typically inaccurate. Port sampling data, which will be available later in the year, are used to verify landings by species for stock assessment and other purposes.

VI. Evaluation of Capacity and Trends in the Western Pacific Purse Seine Fleet

Under the current terms of the Treaty, 45 licenses are available to the United States, five of which are reserved for joint-venture arrangements with Pacific Island parties. As of December 31, 2013, there were 40 United States-flagged purse seine vessels licensed in the Treaty area. One vessel entered the fleet in 2013 increasing the total vessel numbers from 39 in 2012 to 40 in 2013 (see Figure 1).

Table 3. Tuna Landings of United States-flagged Western Pacific Purse Seine Vessels, by Species and Port, 2012-2013²

| 2012 Port | Tuna Landings ³ (metric tons) | | | |
|--|--|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | Skipjack | Yellowfin and Bigeye | Total ⁴ | % |
| United States Ports | | | | |
| Pago Pago, American Samoa | 51,369 | 7,454 | 58,823 | 23% |
| Pago Pago, Transshipment | 29,688 | 3,763 | 33,451 | 13% |
| Foreign Ports | | | | |
| Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia | 20,945 | 2,329 | 23,274 | 9% |
| Christmas Island, Kiribati | 5,340 | 2,537 | 7,877 | 3% |
| Tarawa, Kiribati | 7,282 | 3,365 | 10,647 | 4% |
| Rabaul, Papua New Guinea | 11,373 | 1,055 | 12,428 | 5% |
| Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands | 91,894 | 14,926 | 106,820 | 41% |
| Other ⁵ | 4,969 | 245 | 5,214 | 2% |
| Total | 222,860 | 35,674 | 258,534 | 100% |

| 2013 Port | Tuna Landings (metric tons) | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------|
| | Skipjack | Yellowfin and Bigeye | Total | % |
| United States Ports | | | | |
| Pago Pago, American Samoa | 45,661 | 3,651 | 49,312 | 20% |
| Pago Pago, Transshipment | 29,527 | 3,926 | 33,453 | 13% |
| Foreign Ports | | | | |
| Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia | 65,421 | 4,524 | 69,945 | 28% |
| Christmas Island, Kiribati | 6,709 | 1,813 | 8,522 | 3% |
| Tarawa, Kiribati | 6,151 | 969 | 7,120 | 3% |
| Rabaul, Papua New Guinea | 4,443 | 477 | 4,920 | 2% |
| Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands | 69,228 | 4,906 | 74,134 | 29% |
| Other ⁶ | 3,623 | 609 | 4,232 | 2% |
| Total | 230,763 | 20,875 | 251,638 | 100% |

² 2012 landing estimates are based on reports received as of February 7, 2013 and are preliminary.

³ Landings include transshipments and where possible in the case of the United States port landings are differentiated from transshipments.

⁴ Aggregate cells may not sum to total due to rounding.

⁵ Combined data from the following ports: Funafuti, Tuvalu, General Santos, Philippines, and Honiara, Solomon Islands.

⁶ Combined data from the following ports: General Santos, Philippines, and Honiara, Solomon Island.

Figure 1: Number of United States-flagged Purse Seine Vessels Licensed in the Treaty Area, 1998-2013.

