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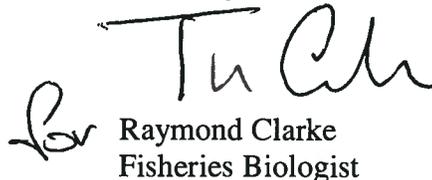
Dear Professor Hurry:

To satisfy the reporting requirements of WCPFC Conservation and Management Measure 2005-03 (North Pacific Albacore) included in Attachment 1 is the following information:

- (1) U.S. catches of albacore north of the equator in the Pacific Ocean for calendar years 2008-2012, January 1- June 30, 2012, and July 1 – December 31, 2012; and
- (2) U.S. fishing effort north of the equator in the Pacific Ocean in fisheries directed at albacore for the years 2008-2012.

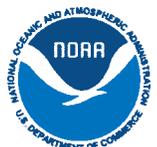
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Sincerely,


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Attachment

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Attachment 1. United States reporting under WCPFC Conservation and Management Measure 2005-03; reported April 2013.

Table 1. Estimated catches of albacore (mt) by U.S. vessels north of the equator in the Pacific Ocean, by gear type, 2008-2011 (updated), and 2012.

Gear type	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	1 Jan- 30 Jun 2012	1 Jul – 31 Dec 2012
U.S. Albacore troll*	11,761	12,938	12,634	11,037	14,137	15	14,122
A.S. Longline		4	48	113	115	39	77
U.S. Longline	354	199	373	595	544	432	111
U.S. Gillnet	1	4	5	5	8	0	8
U.S. Tropical pole and line	0	0	**	**	**	**	**
U.S. Purse seine	0	39	**	0	0	0	0
U.S. Other***	447	777	779	503	1,188	41	1,147
TOTAL	12,562	13,961	13,839	12,253	15,992	527	15,465

*Includes albacore troll and albacore pole and line

**Catches were combined with "other" fisheries for confidentiality purposes

***Includes tropical troll, tropical handline, charter sport, and miscellaneous gear

Table 2. Estimated fishing effort (vessel-days fished) by U.S. vessels in fisheries directed at albacore north of the equator in the Pacific Ocean, by gear type, 2008-2011 (updated) and 2012.

Gear type	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
U.S. Albacore troll	24,994	25,429	25,486	29,921	34,242