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Dear Professor  Hurry:

To satisfy the reporting requirements of WCPFC Conservation and Management Measures 2005-03 (North Pacific Albacore) and 2010-05 (South 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 2007-2011;
- (2) U.S. fishing effort north of the equator in the Pacific Ocean in fisheries directed at albacore for the years 2007-2011;
- (3) U.S. catches of albacore taken as bycatch in the convention area south of 20°S for the years 2007-2011; and
- (4) U.S. catches of albacore and numbers of vessels in the convention area south of 20°S for the years 2007-2011.

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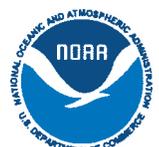
Sincerely,



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Attachment

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**Attachment 1. United States reporting under WCPFC Conservation and Management Measures 2005-03 and 2010-05; reported April 2012.**

**Table 1. Estimated catches of albacore (mt) by U.S. vessels north of the equator in the Pacific Ocean, by gear type, 2007-2010 (updated), and 2011.**

Gear type	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Albacore troll*	11,863	11,761	12,938	12,634	11,172
Longline	245	353	201	373	596
Gillnet	4	1	4	5	8
Tropical pole and line	0	0	0	**	**
Purse seine	77	0	39	**	41
Other***	380	447	777	779	515
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,568</b>	<b>12,562</b>	<b>13,959</b>	<b>13,791</b>	<b>12,332</b>

\*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, 2007, 2008-2010 (updated) and 2011.**

Gear type	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Albacore troll	24,000	24,994	25,429	25,486	29,497

**Table 3. Estimated retained catches (mt) of albacore taken as bycatch by U.S. vessels not targeting albacore in the convention area south of 20° S, 2007-2011.**

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	0	0	0	0	0

**Table 4. Estimated retained catches of albacore (mt) and number of U.S. vessels in fisheries directed at albacore in the convention area south of 20° S, 2007 (updated), 2008-2009, 2010 (updated), and 2011.**

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Albacore catch	198	150	237	306	321
Number of US Vessels	4	3	4	6	6