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Professor Glenn Hurry
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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 Western and Central Pacific Ocean and north of the equator in the Pacific Ocean for calendar years 2009-2013, and July 1-December 31, 2013; and
- (2) Estimates of fishing effort by U.S. vessels in fisheries directed at albacore north of the equator in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean and north of the equator in the Pacific Ocean, 2002-2013.

If you have any questions about this information please contact Valerie Chan at +1 808-944-2161 or valerie.chan@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Raymond Clarke". To the left of the signature is a small blue scribble that looks like "for".

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Attachment

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Attachment 1. United States reporting under WCPFC Conservation and Management Measure 2005-03; reported April 2014.

Table 1. Estimated catches of albacore (metric tons) by U.S. vessels north of the equator in Western and Central Pacific and north of the equator in the Pacific Ocean, by gear type, 2009-2013, and July1-December 31, 2013.

Area	Gear type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	1 Jul – 31 Dec 2013
WCPO	U.S. Albacore troll		*	89	*	*	*
	C.N.M.I. Longline					23	23
	A.S. Longline	4	48	113	115	13	3
	U.S. Longline	177	324	497	480	272	27
	U.S. Handline	97	53	84	253	46	44
	U.S. Tropical troll	3	2	4	3	2	1
NPO	U.S. Albacore troll	12,340	11,689	10,143	14,149	12,325	12,274
	U.S. Longline	203	421	708	660	326	59
	U.S. Gillnet	4	5	5	8	5	5
	U.S. Handline	97	53	84	253	46	44
	U.S. Purse seine	31					
	U.S. Sport	944	861	421	1,212	839	839
	U.S. Tropical troll	3	2	4	3	2	1
	Total**	13,622	13,031	11,365	16,285	13,542	13,222

Table 2. Estimated fishing effort (vessel-days fished) by U.S. vessels in fisheries directed at albacore north of the equator in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean and north of the equator in the Pacific Ocean, 2002-2013.

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
WCPO	6,173	2,674	1,896	771	131	90	*		*	155	*	*
NPO	25,565	21,650	23,961	21,972	21,170	22,354	24,994	24,253	23,943	27,497	34,862	21,570

* Data in the EPO or WCPO were confidential

** Sum of data may not add to total due to rounding