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Professor Glenn Hurry  
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Dear Professor Hurry:

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

- (1) for January 1, 2010 – June 30, 2010, July 1 – December 31, 2009, and for each of 2008 and 2009, U.S. catches of albacore north of the equator in the Pacific Ocean; and
- (2) for each of the years 2004 through 2009, estimates of U.S. fishing effort north of the equator in the Pacific Ocean in fisheries directed at albacore.

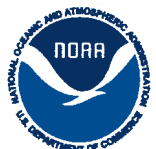
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Sincerely,

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Attachment

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

**Table 1. Estimated catches of albacore (metric tons) by U.S. vessels north of the equator in the Pacific Ocean, by gear type, first half of 2010, second half of 2009, 2008 (updated from previous report) and 2009.**

Gear type	1 Jan – 30 Jun 2010	1 Jul – 31 Dec 2009	2008	2009
Albacore troll	23	12,070	11,721	12,102
Longline	293	68	353	203
Gillnet	0	3	1	3
Pole and line	0	0	0	0
Purse seine	0	8	**	39
Other*	33	634	286	649
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>12,783</b>	<b>12,361</b>	<b>12,996</b>

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

\*\* Data are confidential, so are included in the "other" category.

**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, 2004-2008 (updated from previous reports) and 2009.**

Gear type	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Albacore troll	26,197	24,731	22,006	24,000	18,041	21,485