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Subject: United States Pacific Bluefin Tuna 2025 Monitoring and Control Measures

Dear Dr. Franco:

Pursuant to paragraph 2 of Resolution C-24-03 (*On Monitoring and Control Measures for the Bluefin Tuna Fishery in the EPO*), please see below a list of U.S. monitoring and control measures implemented to ensure compliance with Resolution C-24-02.

Resolution C-24-03 Requirement	U.S. Implementation
<i>a) Registration of commercial fishing vessels in the IATTC Regional Vessel Register in accordance with Resolution C-24-07 on the Regional Vessel Register</i>	The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region (WCR) implemented these Regional Vessel Register requirements through rulemaking over 20 years ago and regulations at 50 CFR 300.23 . These regulations require all commercial fishing vessels fishing for highly migratory species (HMS) to be listed on the Regional Vessel Register.
<i>b) Registration of set nets that are authorized to fish for Pacific bluefin tuna (including registration scheme, number of registered set nets)</i>	N/A, NMFS WCR does not authorize set nets to target Pacific bluefin tuna (PBF) in the IATTC Convention Area.
<i>c) Allocation of catch limits by fishery within the CPCs, where such allocation exist</i>	N/A, NMFS WCR does not allocate catch limits by gear type for PBF in the IATTC Convention Area.
<i>d) Reporting requirements for catches for fisheries (targeted, incidental, and discards), including Resolution C-03-05 on data provision</i>	NMFS WCR implemented these requirements through rulemaking and can be found in U.S. regulations at 50 CFR 660.708 . These regulations require commercial fishing vessels targeting HMS to keep accurate and complete records of catch, effort, and other data.
<i>e) Measures to monitor catch (e.g. landing receipts, landing inspection, observer program, etc.)</i>	NMFS WCR implemented these requirements through rulemaking and are in regulations 50 CFR 660.719 and

	50 CFR 300.25(g) . These regulations require permitted vessels targeting HMS to maintain logbooks, to submit landing receipts for PBF, and include information on the observer program.
<i>f) Measures to monitor landings, including Resolution C-21-07 on port state measures</i>	NMFS WCR implemented requirements to monitor landings through regulations at 50 CFR 300.25(g)(7) , which outlines landing receipt submission. With respect to Port State Measures, the U.S. sent a letter to the IATTC in March 2022, noting that the U.S. is designating all of its ports for the purposes of this Resolution, subject to existing requirements under U.S. law regarding entry into and use of U.S. ports.
<i>g) Measures to monitor domestic transactions.</i>	NMFS WCR implemented this through regulations at 50 CFR 300.25(g)(7) , which requires landing receipts for PBF to be submitted electronically within 24 hours to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Please contact Lucy Bulkeley on my staff at lucille.bulkeley@noaa.gov or (858) 546-5620 with any questions regarding the United States data reporting in accordance with Resolution C-24-03.

Sincerely,

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