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Dear Mr. Wright: *Drew*

To fulfill the requirements of paragraph 3 of Conservation and Management Measure 2005-03 for North Pacific Albacore, Table 1 (attached) indicates all catches by U.S. vessels of albacore north of the equator in the Pacific Ocean for the six-month period January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

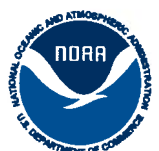
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Sincerely,

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Attachment

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Attachment.

Table 1. Estimated catches (metric tons) by U.S. vessels of albacore north of the equator in the Pacific Ocean, by gear type, January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

Albacore troll	63
Longline	160
Gillnet	0
Pole and line	0
Purse seine	0
Other*	6
TOTAL	229

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