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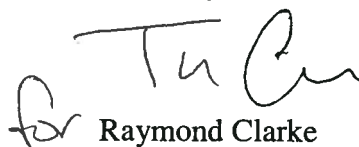
Dear Professor Hurry:

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 January 1 - June 30, 2010, July 1- December 31, 2010 and calendar years 2008-2010; and
- (2) estimates of U.S. fishing effort north of the equator in the Pacific Ocean in fisheries directed at albacore for each of the years 2004 through 2010.
- (3) U.S. catches of albacore taken as bycatch in the convention area south of 20°S for the years 2006-2010;
- (4) U.S. catches of albacore and numbers of vessels in the convention area south of 20°S for the years 2006-2010.

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Sincerely,


for Raymond Clarke
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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 July 2011.

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 (updated), second half of 2010, 2010, 2009 (updated) and 2008 (updated).

Gear type	1 Jan – 30 Jun 2010	1 Jul – 31 Dec 2010	2010	2009	2008
Albacore troll	21	11,983	12,004	12,793	11,721
Longline	290	120	410	201	353
Gillnet	0	3	3	3	1
Pole and line	0	0	0	0	0
Purse seine	0	18	18	39	**
Other*	202	561	763	528	286
TOTAL	513	12,685	13,198	13,564	12,361

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

**Catches were combined with "other" fisheries for confidentiality purposes.

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, 2004-2007, 2008-2009 (updated), and 2010.

Gear type	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Albacore troll	26,197	24,731	22,006	24,000	20,631	24,358	25,224

Table 3. Estimated catches of albacore (metric tons) taken as bycatch by U.S. vessels in the convention area south of 20° S, 2006-2010.

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	0	0	0	0	0

Table 4. Estimated catches of albacore (metric tons) and number of U.S. vessels in fisheries directed at albacore in the convention area south of 20° S, 2006-2010.

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Albacore troll	601	271	150	237	308
Number of US Vessels	8	4	3	4	6