Letter to Transmit in Writing the Request

WFOA Comments

to the U.S. Delegation

To RFMC 11-4-05 J.4.d

- BEFORE ANY CONTROLS LIMITING EFFORT ON
U.S. albacore fishermen can and should
be done, the following should happen-

1. THE WCPFC NEEDS to adopt a similar
resolution (draft) to the IATTC resolution
stating fishing effort will not be
increased beyond current levels

2. Better definition of "what current levels"
mean - i.e.: 2005 NP Season = 50% effort
(weather, fuel costs, ocean conditions)

3. Uniform
Reference points need to be accepted
by all nations involved (U.S., Canada,
Japan, Korea, Taiwan, etc.

4. Before any caps are placed on U.S.
fishermen, the U.S./Can treaty needs
now to be renegotiated or terminated

5. Any effort controls such as LE-QUATAS
etc. need to apply across the board of
Gear types & users - reco's too

6. 100% fishing needs to be documented
and stopped - concerned that high seas
illegal gillnet may again be squeezing the biomass