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Mr. Charles A. Tracy  
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Pacific Fishery Management Council  
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Dear Mr. Tracy:

Thank you for your letter regarding the response of the Pacific Fishery Management Council under Section 304(i) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act regarding the status of the Western and Central North Pacific Ocean (WCNPO) stock of striped marlin.

Currently, the agency is reviewing a proposed action to amend the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council's Pelagics Fishery Ecosystem Plan in accordance with provisions of Conservation Management Measure 2010-01 adopted by the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean. This proposed action includes accountability measures that would apply to the WCNPO stock of striped marlin to address the relative impact of U.S. fishing vessels on striped marlin throughout its range in the WCNPO.

I appreciate your interest in this matter and look forward to continuing to work with you on the conservation and management of striped marlin in the Pacific. If you have questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Heidi Taylor, Branch Chief for Highly Migratory Species, NMFS West Coast Region, at (562) 980-4039 or [Heidi.Taylor@noaa.gov](mailto:Heidi.Taylor@noaa.gov).

Sincerely,

Chris Oliver

