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Dear Chairs Sword, Drobnica, and Pettinger:

The United States participated in the Twenty-First Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC or Commission) in Suva, Fiji from November 28 to December 3, 2024. The full provisional outcomes of the Commission meeting are available on the [Commission's website](#). In this letter, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) provides a status update on the regulatory actions that derive from the Commission's 2024 decisions.

CMM for Labor Standards

The Commission adopted its first conservation and management measure (CMM) for Crew Labor Standards ([CMM 2024-04](#)). The CMM does not enter into effect until January 1, 2028. NMFS is assessing whether regulatory action will be required to implement the CMM by 2028.

CMM for North Pacific Striped Marlin

The Commission adopted a revised CMM for North Pacific striped marlin ([CMM 2024-06](#)) that implements catch reductions to rebuild the stock in accordance with the Commission's 2019 interim rebuilding plan. The CMM revised the 2025 U.S. catch limit for the stock and prescribed a method for determining WCPFC, and individual member, catch limits in 2026 and 2027. NMFS intends to implement the provisions of CMM 2024-06 under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 USC 1801, *et seq.*, as permitted pursuant to the WCPFC Implementation Act, 16 USC 6904(a). If the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council is unable to transmit its recommendation to NMFS by July 1, 2025, NMFS may implement these regulations under the authority of the WCPFC Implementation Act to ensure timely regulatory action.



Other substantive decisions by the Commission, none of which require regulatory action, include:

- adopted a revised CMM for Pacific bluefin tuna ([CMM 2024-01](#)) which updated catch limits for several members;
- adopted a CMM for the Monitoring, Controlling and Surveillance (MCS) of Pacific Bluefin Tuna ([CMM 2024-02](#)) that requires members to report on monitoring and control measures for Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries and/or farming;
- adopted a revised CMM for the Charter Notification Scheme ([CMM 2024-03](#)) that extends the measure for three years, until February 28, 2028;
- adopted a revised CMM for Sharks ([CMM 2024-05](#)) that improves enforceability of the measure's shark finning prohibition; and
- adopted a revised CMM for Protection of Cetaceans from Purse Seine and Longline Fishing Operations ([CMM 2024-07](#)), which extends existing purse seine protections for cetaceans to longline operations. These protections already apply to U.S. longline operations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, 16 USC 1361, *et seq.*

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Sincerely,



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