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ATTN: Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)

**64 Supply Chain Companies Call on the IATTC to  
Adopt Interim Electronic Monitoring EM Program Standards**

The undersigned companies have committed to responsibly sourcing seafood, including tuna from the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO). Central to our sustainability efforts is increased observer coverage in industrial tuna fisheries, including electronic monitoring (EM). We see electronic monitoring as critical to effective fisheries management, compliance monitoring, and independent verification of catch, effort, species composition and bycatch.

Therefore, we call on the IATTC to adopt interim electronic program standards at its upcoming annual meeting and to allow EM to be used to achieve observer coverage requirements beginning in 2025.

In addition to EM program standards, we also ask the IATTC to further effective fisheries management by:

- Maintaining the current management measures in C-21-04 for up to three more years, and annually reviewing the measures and adopting revisions, if needed, based on the stock status indicators for the three tropical tuna species.
- Adopting additional measures to strengthen FAD management.
- Establishing and convening a scientist-manager dialogue group to advance management procedures and begin the bigeye management procedure, which is scheduled to be adopted in 2025.
- Adopting effective measures to control catch of Southern Albacore and agree to cooperate with WCPFC to develop a stock-wide management procedure.
- Adopting mandatory and science-based guidelines for avoidance, safe handling, and release of captured sharks and other non-target species as agreed to in Paragraph 12 of C-23-07.

As companies that source significant volumes of tuna from the EPO, we seek to ensure that your government supports all efforts to adopt electronic monitoring program standards in the IATTC, as well as the other important sustainability measures noted above.

We appreciate your delegation's commitment to addressing these issues and thank you in advance for your attention to these matters.

Kind regards,



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