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ATTN: Heads of Delegation to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)

19 Leading Tuna NGOs Call on the WCPFC to Adopt Management Procedures for Pacific Bluefin and Bigeye Tunas; Address South Pacific Albacore; Increase Observer Coverage

The upcoming WCPFC Commission meeting provides an important opportunity for the WCPFC to demonstrate its ongoing leadership and progressive management to preserve the health of tuna fisheries that are a vital source of economic development and food security for the region.

As organizations focused on the sustainability of tuna stocks and their ecosystems, we urge the WCPFC to **adopt management procedures for Pacific bluefin and bigeye tunas.**

In addition, we also ask the WCPFC to further effective fisheries management by:

- **Adopting measures to implement the South Pacific albacore management procedure** (in coordination with joint IATTC working group), including catch limits and improved, independent monitoring.
- **Immediately increasing observer coverage rates – human and/or electronic – for large-scale longline vessels to at least 20%** and adopting a timeline to reach 100% coverage.

As organizations engaged in tuna fishery sustainability efforts globally, we are seeking to ensure that your government supports efforts to address these key issues in the WCPFC.

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

Kind regards,


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