

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR HARVESTING TUNA IN THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION CONVENTION AREA

This reporting questionnaire may be used to apply for authorization to harvest tuna within the boundaries of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC): areas west of 150 degrees west longitude.

The Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) is the central decision making body for management of tuna in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (**areas west of 150 degrees west longitude**). Canada has been a member of the WCPFC since it entered into force in 2004 and as such, is required to implement WCPFC resolutions on conservation and management measures.

As per the WCPFC Conservation and Management Measure resolution approved in 2004 (CMM 2004-01), all vessels must be on a WCPFC list of authorized vessels prior to harvesting within the WCPFC convention area. The list of authorized vessels is submitted to the WCPFC Secretariat by Canada annually.

The information required under resolution CMM 2004-01, includes information Fisheries and Oceans does not normally collect. Therefore, to place your vessel on the list of authorized vessels, the Department requires that all harvesters planning to harvest within the WCPFC convention area complete and submit the questionnaire on the reverse to the Department and provide consent for the information to be released to the WCPFC. The Department will provide confirmation of authorization to the vessel master as listed in the information and consent form. Please allow approximately 10 working days to receive confirmation of authorization by the Department, prior to entry into the WCPFC convention area.

Vessels who are not on the WCPFC list of authorized vessels will be harvesting contrary to international requirements and their conditions of licence which could result in enforcement action. Harvesters should assume any harvest activity within this area is unauthorized until confirmation of authorization from the Department is received. A complete list of authorized vessels is also available by visiting the WCPFC website at www.wcpfc.int.

The WCPFC Secretariat houses all information provided by all members and uses it solely for the purposes of statistical analyses as it relates to implementing the Western and Central Pacific Convention and any resolutions or measures adopted by the Commission. This information will be posted on the WCPFC website.

Information forms are available through a Pacific Fisheries Licence Unit (PFLU) or at: <http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/licence-permis/index-eng.htm> or the Pelagic Resource Manager at 604-666-2188. **Please submit completed forms to any PFLU or the Pelagic Resource Manager via fax, email or in person.**

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Hours of Operation for Vancouver and Prince Rupert

8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Monday – Friday
Except Wednesdays 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Hours of Operation for Nanaimo

9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

All units are closed from 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

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