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ATTN: Taiwan's Head of Delegation to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)

We write on behalf of Fue Shin Fishery Ltd., which has business interests in the Eastern Pacific Ocean and leads a fishery improvement project (FIP) there for longline fishing of and eastern Pacific yellow and bigeye tunas. At the 100th annual meeting of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission on 1-5 August 2022, the Commission has an important opportunity to address several issues that impact the health of all tuna stocks and their ecosystems in the eastern Pacific Ocean, including:

- **Accelerate the adoption and implementation of comprehensive, precautionary harvest strategies.** Specifically in 2022, the Commission must adopt a harvest strategy for Northern Albacore, collaborate with the WCPFC in the adoption of a harvest strategy for Southern Albacore and by 2023 create a working group to enhance the dialogue among fisheries scientists, managers, and other stakeholders on management strategy evaluation;
- Continue to support the development of an **Electronic Monitoring program by supporting the creation of an EM Working Group** and commit to making progress toward **100% observer coverage (human and/or electronic)** in industrial tuna fisheries, including all those vessels engaged in at sea transshipment, by 2024;
- **Amend the current at-sea transshipment measure** (Resolution C-12-07) to be in line with best practices, such as those recommended in the NGO Tuna Forum's Aligned Guidance on At-Sea Transshipment;
- Amend C-05-03 to require that ALL sharks be landed with **fins naturally attached without exceptions**, adopting the globally acknowledged best practice to prevent finning.

We consider that these critical issues can and must be addressed during the Commission's annual meeting.

As a delegate to the IATTC, we encourage Taiwan's government to support efforts to adopt proposals or take other actions to address the important issues noted above this year.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

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