

綜信水產有限公司 (FSF),  
17F-2 No.6 Minquan 2<sup>nd</sup> Rd., Qianzhen Dist  
Kaohsiung City, Taiwan

Fisheries Agency, Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan  
6F., No.100, Sec. 2, Heping W. Rd.,  
Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City 10070  
(Taiwan, ROC)

19 March 2020

Via email to [w3master@ms1.fa.gov.tw](mailto:w3master@ms1.fa.gov.tw) & [wenying@ms1.fa.gov.tw](mailto:wenyling@ms1.fa.gov.tw)

**RE: 95<sup>th</sup> IATTC Annual Meeting Position Statement**

Dear Taiwan Fisheries Agency,

The submission of this letter and subsequent position statement is regarding the Fishery Improvement Project (FIP) currently being undertaken by the Pacific Ocean Tuna Longline fishery. The fishery targets albacore (*Thunnus alalunga*) and catches bigeye (*T. obesus*) and yellowfin (*T. albacares*). The pelagic longline vessels are flagged to China and Vanuatu and fish on the high seas in the Pacific. The fishery is managed regionally by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) and by the Inter American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO). To find more information on the present FIP, please view the public Fishery Progress profile here: <https://fisheryprogress.org/fip-profile/pacific-ocean-tuna-longline-fue-shin>.

This FIP aims to meet the rising global demand for tuna in a sustainable manner by assuring catches do not exceed sustainable levels, promoting the ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management and strengthening policy and governance systems in the region. The end goal is to achieve certification under the Marine Stewardship Council Fisheries Standard by 2024.

As part of this FIP reaching MSC certification there are various actions which need to be undertaken which involve a range of different stakeholders. To ensure the FIP meets these objectives we need the support of the Flag states to advocate during the 95<sup>th</sup> annual IATTC meeting to urge action on multiple topics laid out below. To see these actions in further detail, please see the position statement available on the Fishery Progress FIP page sent on behalf of all the FIP participants to IATTC.

As a flag state, it is important that the following is adequately advocated for during the IATTC meeting in 2020 and we ask for you to make sure the following asks are raised:

- **Ask 1:** Adopt harvest strategies including reference points for North Pacific Albacore, that have clearly defined harvest control rules and monitoring mechanisms (Action 1.2 and 1.3 in FIP workplan)
- **Ask 2:** Adopt measures to mitigate the incidental catch and maximise the post-release survival of sensitive fauna, such as sharks, mobulid rays, birds, sea turtles, particularly leatherback sea turtles, and promote additional research on mobulids, including post-release survival, genetics and population studies, as recommended by the IATTC Staff, Bycatch Working Group and IATTC SAC. (Action 2.1 in FIP workplan).
- **Ask 3:** Improve monitoring in all tuna fisheries (see MCS) (Action 2.1 in FIP workplan)
- **Ask 4:** Take immediate steps to enforce the existing shark finning resolution and strengthen it by requiring that all sharks be landed with fins naturally attached. (Action 2.1 in FIP workplan)



- **Ask 5:** Require 100% observer coverage (human and/or electronic) for longline vessels, and all vessels engaged in at-sea transshipment, within 4 years. (Action 2.1 in FIP action plan)
- **Ask 6:** Adopt best practice E-Monitoring and E-Reporting standards, including for logbooks for purse seine vessels. (Action 2.1 in FIP action plan)
- **Ask 7:** Disclose Resolution plans to address identified area of non-compliance (Action 3.4 in FIP action plan)
- **Ask 8:** Require members to submit a compliance action plan (Action 3.4 in FIP action plan)
- **Ask 9:** Adopt audit points or reference metrics for IATTC measures to ensure clarity in members obligations, reporting requirements, etc., and what will be addressed in the Review Committee. (Action 3.4 in FIP action plan)
- **Ask 10:** Make public annex 1, under IATTC Res C-11-07 (resolution on the process for improved compliance of resolutions adopted by the commission), The Standard Questionnaire on Compliance with IATTC Resolutions once it has been completed by participating CPCs, to ensure CCM's are implementing their obligations. (Action 3.4 in FIP action plan)

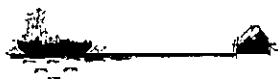
Please confirm receipt of this letter and we would appreciate any feedback after the RFMO meeting on how it went and your position on these points. We thank you in advance for making sure these important issues are being raised to enable us all to meet sustainability goals and ensure a sustainable future for our oceans.

Kind regards,

David Huang – General Manager, Fue Shin Fishery Ltd.,

[fueshin.fishery@msa.hinet.net](mailto:fueshin.fishery@msa.hinet.net) +886 7 537 8685

*Annex 1: vessel in support of the above statement*



Vessel	IMO	Owner	Flag
<b>Chuan Hsin no.128</b>	8777386	Tsai, Hung-Ming	Taiwan
<b>Chuan Hsiang no.368</b>	8777374	Tsai, Chin-Te	Taiwan
<b>Chuan Shyang no.98</b>	8777398	Tsai, I-Ching	Taiwan
<b>Chuan Hsiang no.866</b>	8542262	Tsai, Huel-Chuan	Taiwan
<b>Man Fu Tsai No.5</b>	8791899	Chren, Wen Sheng	Taiwan
<b>Man Fu Tsai No.9</b>	8791863	Chen Chen Hua	Taiwan
<b>Man Fu Tsai No.11</b>	8791928	Wang, Yi-Cing	Taiwan
<b>Man Fu Tsai No.88</b>	8791851	Lin, Hung Chia	Taiwan
<b>Man Fu Tsai No.168</b>	8791875	Wang, Hsiu Yu	Taiwan
<b>Tenn Fa Li No.8</b>	8537463	Hsu, Shu-Chen	Taiwan