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Dr. Arnulfo Franco, Director
Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)
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Subject: Submission of Annual Seabird Report on Implementation of Mitigation Measures and Bycatch Data

Dear Dr. Franco:

The United States is submitting this letter pursuant to Resolution C-11-02 (*Resolution to Mitigate the Impacts on Seabirds of Fishing for Species Covered by the IATTC*). Please find enclosed the final 2023 Annual Report on Seabird Interactions and Mitigation Efforts in Hawaii Longline Fisheries. This report contains information on the implementation of mitigation measures for U.S. vessels operating inside and outside of the IATTC Convention Area. Additionally, we have attached the estimated interaction rates with seabirds specific to the IATTC Convention Area for 2024.

Please contact Lucille Bulkeley at (858) 546-5620 or lucille.bulkeley@noaa.gov with any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Andrew Lawler, U.S. Commissioner to the IATTC
C. Colin Brinkman, U.S. Department of State
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Species of Seabird	Observed Takes	Point Estimates	Standard Error
<i>Deep Set Longline Fishery</i>			
Albatross, Laysan	0	0	6.0
Albatross, Black-footed	0	0	6.0
Booby, Brown	0	0	6.0
Other	0	0	0

Species of Seabird	Observed Takes
<i>Shallow Set Longline Fishery</i>	
Albatross, Black-footed	1