

**Ref: DC37-2018** 21 May 2018

To: Martin Doe Senior Legal Council Permanent Court of Arbitration Peace Palace The Hague, The Netherlands

Dear Mr Doe,

## **Re:** Letter AG 232389

## PCA CASE N° 2018-13 – REVIEW PANEL ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 17 AND ANNEX II OF THE CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF HIGH SEAS FISHERY RESOURCES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN

We are pleased to be able to provide the following information in response to the Review Panels invitation of 17 May 2018:

Regarding matter (a) - the Commission's basis and process for establishing the tonnage or percentage difference between the total allowable catch for the resource throughout its range.

> We regret that we do not have any additional documents to the ones already made available in our original memorandum/supporting document.

Regarding matter (b) - data regarding the estimated or actual annual tonnage of catch of Trachurus murphyi in the years 2013-2018 in the areas of national jurisdiction of Chile, *Ecuador, and Peru*.

> We are pleased to be able to provide the requested information in Tables 1 and 2 below.

Please note:

- i) Historic figures back to 1970 are available within Australia's supporting material document 6 (COMM 6-INF 03).
- ii) Regarding Ecuador's catches inside its area of national jurisdiction, this is generally reported annually prior to the Scientific Committee's meeting in September/October. The most recent information we have received from Ecuador is for the year 2016.

Regarding matter (c) - the reports of the Jack mackerel Working Groups established between 2013 and 2017 .... and any other written material submitted to or produced by these Working Groups.

The Jack mackerel Working Group has not produced reports for its meetings and therefor the only material we can provide is internal and unofficial, produced during 2013, 2015 & 2017 (refer zip file attached to this letter).

Please note:

i) We would prefer that this material, if possible, is not made available via the PCA website because it is internal and unofficial. We have no concerns with the material being provided to the Review Panel and all parties involved in the hearing.

Participant	Chile	Ecuador	Peru
FAO Area	87	87	87
High seas	EEZ	EEZ	EEZ
vs In-zone	(CHL)	(ECU)	(PER)
2017 (Estimated)	341 604		8 813
2016	313 403	0	15 087
2015	228 409	289	22 158
2014	267 615	9	74 528
2013	226 006	3 563	77 022

Table 1: Estimated (*2017*) and actual (2013-16) annual tonnage of catch of *Trachurus murphyi* in the Areas of National Jurisdiction of Chile, Ecuador, and Peru.

Month (2018)	Chile (ANJ)	Peru (ANJ)
January	49 294	588
February	53 043	396
March	44 109	611
April	45 638	396

Table 2: 2018 Monthly catches (t) of *Trachurus murphyi* reported from Areas under National Jurisdiction (as at 21 May 1018).

I trust the Review Panel will find this information useful in their deliberations and we remain at your disposal for any future enquires.

Sincerely yours,

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*On behalf of* Dr Johanne Fischer Executive Secretary