

Fisheries and Oceans
Government of Canada

February 2nd, 2022

Executive Secretary
North Pacific Fisheries Commission
2F Hakuyo-Hall, Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology

Dear Executive Secretary,

Canada continues to contribute to compliance monitoring and enforcement in the North Pacific Fisheries Commission Convention Area. While Canada has not registered an inspection vessel at this time, our Department is pleased to address the remaining obligations under Paragraph 14 of the Conservation Management Measure for High Seas Boarding and Inspection Procedures. Please accept this letter of confirmation regarding Canada's authorities, training and identification cards.

Canadian Fishery Officers are granted authority to conduct vessel boardings and inspections from Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Conservation and Protection Branch. The members are designated as Fishery Officers by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and are tasked with enforcing the Fisheries Act in domestic waters and through that legislation are eligible for designation as Protection Officers under the Coastal Fisheries Protection Act and Regulations. The Coastal Fisheries Protection Regulations authorize Protection officers to conduct boarding and inspections of fishing vessels in both the North Pacific and Western Central Pacific Convention Areas.

Canadian members of the High Seas Boarding and Inspection team carry individual Conservation and Protection badges with a unique badge number and identification details. These members receive necessary training to support the inspection of fishing vessels and fishing activities, the provisions of the Convention and the Conservation Management Measures in force. Canadian Fishery Officers undergo extensive training in vessel operations, inspections, and enforcement prior to an international deployment and have significant domestic marine compliance and enforcement experience to contribute to the important work of combatting illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing in the Convention Area.

Respectfully,

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