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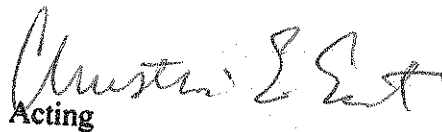
Dear Mr. Proctor:

Thank you for your letter of September 24, 2009, to Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, regarding actions that the United States should take with respect to the international management of Atlantic bluefin tuna. In particular, the Coastal Conservation Association asked the Department of the Interior (Department) to proceed with an effort to list the Atlantic bluefin tuna in Appendix I of the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES).

On October 14, 2009, the Department announced that the United States supports a proposal submitted by the principality of Monaco to list the Atlantic bluefin tuna in Appendix I of CITES.

Thank you for your interest in the conservation of Atlantic bluefin tuna. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Teiko Saito, Acting Assistant Director – International Affairs at 202-208-6393 or Teiko_Saito@fws.gov.

Sincerely,



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