

**9<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

*Held virtually, 27 September to 2 October 2021*

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**United States of America Annual Report**

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**Annual Report of the United States on Fishing and Research  
Activities in the SPRFMO Area during 2020 and 2021**  
Report to the 9<sup>th</sup> Scientific Committee Meeting

We submit this Annual Report to the 9th Scientific Committee Meeting of SPRFMO following “Guidelines for Annual Reports to the SPRFMO Scientific Committee” (SC5-Doc7\_rev3).

**1. OVERALL SUMMARY**

The United States currently has no vessels participating in the fisheries managed by SPRFMO. As such, the United States has no data or information to provide regarding U.S. fisheries operating under SPRFMO jurisdiction in 2020 or 2021. Similarly, the United States has no information to provide regarding 1) catches, effort, and CPUE summaries; 2) fisheries data collection and research activities; 3) biological sampling and length/age composition of catches; 4) ecosystem approach considerations; and 5) observer implementation reports for fishing activities under SPRFMO jurisdiction.

The United States has a continuing interest in the fisheries managed by SPRFMO and may have vessels that enter these fisheries in the future. If U.S.-flagged vessels enter SPRFMO-managed fisheries, the United States would provide the Commission with all relevant data and information and abide by all relevant measures adopted.