

**Report on Implementation of  
the SPRFMO Conservation and Management Measures**

**Reporting Member/CNCP:** United States of America

**Calendar Year to which this report refers:** 2015

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**CMM 1.02 Gillnets in the SPRFMO Convention Area**

*Members shall require that vessels flying their flag prohibit the use of large-scale pelagic driftnets and all deepwater gillnets in the Convention Area. Please describe how this requirement has been implemented*

**Response:** The United States prohibits its vessels from conducting large-scale driftnet fishing (see 16. U.S.C. 1857(1)(M)). In addition, The United States has no vessels in the Convention Area fishing for SPRFMO-managed species.

*Have any of your vessels transited the Area while carrying gillnets?  
(If so, was 36hrs advance notice given, did the vessels operate a VMS, were VMS reports submitted and were any Gillnets lost overboard? (refer Paras 2a, b, c & d))*

**Response:** No.

**CMM 1.04 Vessels presumed to have carried out IUU fishing activities in the SPRFMO Area**

*Did you transmit a list of presumed IUU fishing vessels to the Secretariat?*

**Response:** No.

*If so, did you inform the relevant flag state before, or at the same time as, transmitting the list?*

**Response:** Not applicable.

*Were any of your flagged vessels on the draft IUU list?*

**Response:** No.

*If so, did you notify vessel owners and inform them about the potential consequences?*

**Response:** Not applicable.

Were any of your flagged vessels on the final IUU list?

**Response: No.**

*If so, did you notify the vessel owners and inform them about the consequences of inclusion?  
Also what measures were taken to eliminate these IUU activities?*

**Response: Not applicable.**

*Did you enforce any of the measures described under paragraph 12? If so, please elaborate.*

**Response: No.**

**CMM 2.01 *Trachurus murphyi***

*Do your vessels fish for T. murphyi in, or adjacent to, the Convention Area?*

**Response: No.**

*If yes, then please complete the following tables and questions:*

**Response: Not applicable.**

Table 1: CMM 2.01 Effort Management

Gross Tonnage (GT) Limit	GT of Active fishing vessels	Number of vessels actively fishing for CJM	Number of vessels only engaged in Transshipment(s)
<i>Enter n/a if not applicable.</i>			

Table 2: CMM 2.01 Catch Management

CJM catch limit	CJM catch limit taking into account any catch transfers	Provisional CJM catch total
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Table 3: CMM 2.01 Data collection and reporting

Number of Monthly reports provided	VMS implemented and data provided?	List of authorised vessels provided?	Annual report provided to SC?	Observer coverage level
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*Do you have additional measures that limit the amount of T. murphyi available to your vessels to an amount less than that specified in Table 2 above (refer para 8)? If so, please elaborate.*

*Did you conduct any research or stock assessments for T. murphyi during this past year and were they submitted to the Scientific Committee?*

*Did any of your vessels land or tranship T. murphyi within your ports and did you take measures to verify those catches?*

*Is any part of your national jurisdiction area adjacent to the Area to which CMM 2.01 applies? If so, have you decided to apply the measures described in Para 11 -22 within your national jurisdiction areas? Also, have you submitted measures in effect for T. murphyi within your national jurisdiction areas to the Secretariat?*

**CMM 2.02 Standards for the Collection, Reporting, Verification and Exchange of Data**

Table 4: Participation in SPRFMO fisheries during the past year

**Response: The United States has no vessels in the Convention Area fishing for SPRFMO-managed species.**

Fishing method	Activities undertaken?	Main species?	Number of vessels	Activities observed?
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Demersal Drop/dahn line  
Demersal Longline  
Demersal Potting  
Demersal Trawl  
Pelagic Purse seine  
Pelagic Trawl  
Squid jigging  
Transshipment

*Were you able to meet the data collection requirements described in paragraphs 1(b) (c) and (d)?  
(Being information on fishing activity, non-target species impacts and transshipments/landings)*

**Response: Not applicable.**

*Do you have a national observer programme, and if so have you submitted an annual observer implementation report to the Secretariat?*

**Response: Not applicable.**

Have you implemented systems to ensure that all of your vessels that fish in the Convention Area have an operational VMS system (that conforms to the requirements in Paras 3(b) and 3(c)?

**Response: Not applicable.**

*Please describe the systems you use to verify your SPRFMO fishery data.*

**Response: Not applicable.**

**CMM 2.03 Bottom fishing in the SPRFMO Convention Area**

*Do you fish in the Convention Area using bottom fishing methods?*

**Response: No.**

*If yes, then please complete the following tables and questions:*

**Response: Not applicable.**

Table 5: Management of Bottom Fishing and Fisheries

Bottom fishing assessment submitted?	2002-06 Bottom fishing footprint submitted?	Bottom fishing restricted to footprint?	2002-06 average annual catch (t)	Provisional catch total for last year (t)	Observer coverage level (Trawl)	Observer coverage level (other)	Number of VME encounters above the threshold	Number of monthly reports provided
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*Have you prohibited your vessels from participating in bottom fishing activities in the Convention Area, except when in accordance with this measure?*

*Have you established threshold levels for VME encounters? If so what are they?*

*Also, do you require your vessels to cease fishing operations within 5 miles of any site where threshold levels are exceeded?*

*Have you divided your footprint into sub-areas for the purposes of preventing significant adverse impacts to VMES? If so, please elaborate.*

*Do you have additional measures that apply to your bottom fishing vessels in the Convention Area? If so, please elaborate.*

*Have you identified any sites within the Convention Area where VMEs are likely to occur? If so have you provided this information to the Secretariat?*

*Have you taken steps to ensure that your bottom fishing vessels are able to comply with all of the requirements detailed in paragraph 24?*

*Are you aware of any non-member (or non- CNCP) that has recently bottom fished in the Convention Area? And if so, did you communicate a request to them to cooperate and to consider participating in the work of SPRFMO as a matter of priority?*

**Response: No.**

**CMM 2.04 Minimising bycatch of seabirds in the SPRFMO Convention Area**

*Are your vessels required to implement appropriate seabird mitigation measures while fishing in the Convention Area?*

**Response: The United States has no vessels in the Convention Area fishing for SPRFMO-managed species.**

*Do you have any vessels which are exempt from applying seabird mitigation measures? And if so, when was the last time these vessels were reviewed?*

**Response: Not applicable.**

*Do you require your observers to record seabird interactions? If so, are the records in accordance with CMM 2.02 and is the resulting data reported to the Secretariat?*

**Response: Not applicable.**

Table 6: Seabird mitigation measures in Demersal Longline

Biological discharge during shooting/hauling prohibited?	List of Seabird mitigation measures used in SPRFMO Area	Observer coverage level	Number of Seabird captures	Approximate seabird mortality rate (per 1000 hooks observed)
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Table 7: Seabird mitigation measures in Trawl Fisheries

Number of vessels that do not discharge Biological material	Number of vessels discharging Biological material	List of Seabird mitigation measures used in SPRFMO Area	Observer coverage level	Number of Seabird captures	Approximate seabird mortality rate (per tow observed)
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**CMM 2.05 Commission record of Vessels authorised to fish in the Convention Area**

*Describe how you take into account the vessel and operator compliance history when considering whether or not to authorise a particular fishing vessel.*

**Response: The United States has no vessels in the Convention Area fishing for SPRFMO-managed species.**

*Describe the measures you have taken to ensure that you are able to take effective enforcement actions against the owners of vessels flying your flag should the need arise.*

**Response: Not applicable.**

*Do you maintain your own register of fishing vessels for the SPRFMO Area and does it contain all the necessary information (as described in Annex 1 of the measure)?*

**Response: Not applicable.**

Table 8: Vessel data submission summary

Number of vessels authorised to fish in the SPRMO Area	Number of new authorisations within past year	Number of revoked authorisations within past year	Authorisation details submitted to Secretariat?	Number of Active fishing vessels*	Number of vessels only engaged in Transshipment(s)*
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**\* These numbers may be equal to or larger than the figures provided in Table 1.**

**CMM 2.06 VMS in the SPRFMO Convention Area**

*At this time, this CMM does not have readily measurable implementation requirements.*

**CMM 2.07 Minimum Standards of inspection in Port**

*Are your have ports able, or expected, to receive SPRFMO-managed species?*

**Response: The United States is able to receive SPRFMO-managed species in its ports, but has no record of any foreign fishing vessels landing SPRFMO-managed species in any of its ports during 2015 and does not anticipate any such landings in 2016. The United States has provided information to the Secretariat regarding designated ports, point of contact information, and notice of arrivals. However, given that the United States has not and does not expect to receive foreign fishing vessels landing SPRFMO-managed species in its ports in the foreseeable future, the remaining questions are inapplicable at this time.**

*If so please complete the following table and questions.*

Table 9: Implementation of Port Standards

Point of Contact transmitted to Secretariat?	Designated port list provided to Secretariat?	Number of foreign fishing vessels seeking to use port Services	Number of foreign fishing vessels denied entry	Number of inspections	Percentage of foreign landings /transhipments inspected
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*Do you have sufficient capacity to conduct inspections in every designated port?*

*Do you require foreign fishing vessels to provide the information prior to any landing or port transshipment? If so, does that information comply with paragraph 11?*

*Is the notification period for a foreign fishing vessels port request different than 48 hours? If so, please elaborate.*

*Did you receive any requests from other Members, CNCs or relevant RFMOs to inspect particular vessels? If so, please elaborate.*

*Did you encounter any difficulties with the inspection procedures described in paragraphs 17-21? If so, please elaborate.*

*Did any of your inspections discover evidence that a SPRFMO had occurred? If so, did you encounter any difficulties with the infringements procedures described in paragraphs 22-25?*

*Have you provided (or received) any assistance as described under Paragraph 26? (Being the development of capacity, facilitation of participation and assessment of requirements for developing members and CNCs)*