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à

Mr the director of WCPFC

**Subject:** authorized inspection vessels  
**Référence(s):** my letter 11<sup>TH</sup> September 2007  
**Enclosures:** one description of a French Navy ship

On 11th September 2007, I sent you a letter for the registration of three French Navy ships in the WCPFC database and the website of the regional fisheries organisation.

In addition to this transmission, I inform you that another French Navy high-sea tug, “Révi”, could operate in international waters for high sea controls for fisheries activities. Description and informations about the tug are enclosed in this letter.

The captain and the substitute (chief officer) of the vessel will be allowed to control fisheries activities, fishing vessels and to establish infringements to fisheries regulations.

Moreover, paragraph 6 of resolution WCPFC –TCC3 2007/11 indicates that the commission will “maintain a register of all authorized inspection vessels and authorities or inspectors”

For French Polynesia, “the service de la pêche –French Polynesia Fisheries Service” is registered in the WCPFC website.

But according to Organic Law of 2004, French Polynesia has the responsibility for regulations of fisheries activities inside EEZ of French Polynesia and France is competent for boarding and inspections of fisheries activities ashore, inside EEZ and in high sea.

So, the “service de la pêche” is competent if a French Polynesian fishing vessel should be in infringement in another EEZ or in international waters but, in case of an infringement of a foreign fishing vessel inside French Polynesian EEZ or in high sea around French Polynesia, the authority will be the High Commissioner, representative of French Government in French Polynesia.

So, I should appreciate if these two authorities could be included in the WCPFC website to comply with resolution WCPFC –TCC3 2007/11.

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