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reducing target bigeye tuna catch.<sup>7,8</sup> This modification may also benefit certain sea turtles and sharks, including the threatened oceanic whitetip shark. We support adoption of a

a juvenile fishery is unsustainable. Catching and killing spawning striped marlin harms the population by removing vital, reproductive adults, and preventing those fish from replenishing the stock. Spawning grounds of striped marlin are confirmed in Hawaiian waters,<sup>14</sup> and the Kona Gyre and Cross Seamounts have historically been regarded as spawning grounds and nursery habitat for striped marlin. We support identifying key nurseries and spawning habitat for striped marlin and designating time-area longline fishing closures in these areas.

The overall effectiveness of any measures taken to protect WCNPO striped marlin and juveniles will not be measurable

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