



American Albacore Fishing Association South Pacific Albacore Troll/Jig Fishery

MSC Certification: 4th Surveillance Audit MSC Certification: Re-Assessment

Certification Body: Intertek Moody Marine

Site Visit

This fishery is now entering the 'information gathering' stage of the 4th surveillance audit and reassessment against the MSC *Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing*. A key purpose of this stage is to collect information on the fishery and speak to stakeholders with an interest in the fishery under audit and assessment. The assessment team will therefore convene in San Diego over the period **26th – 28th October 2011**, when we aim to hold face-to-face meetings with stakeholders, or to arrange conference telephone/skype calls if preferred.

Stakeholders who previously submitted comments on this fishery have been contacted directly, but MSC procedure allows stakeholders 30 days notice of a site visit and 5 days for MSC to post the notice on the MSC website. The 26th – 28th October 2011 is within 30 days of this notification, and so alternative dates for stakeholders to speak with the assessment team could be arranged for the **23rd – 24th November 2011**. Again, and for the convenience of all parties, stakeholders can also make their submissions to the assessment team via email or telephone/skype calls.

If you have any information on this fishery that you feel should be considered in the assessment, please advise us of:

- a) your name and contact details
- b) your association with the fishery
- c) the issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation)
- d) when you would like to meet

We will then be in touch.

Should you wish to obtain further information on the Marine Stewardship Council, this is available on their web site at <http://www.msc.org>. The MSC has also produced a template for stakeholder input, which is available from their web site here: <http://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/forms-and-templates/msc-template-for-stakeholder-input-into-fishery-assessments/view>. The assessment team will, though, consider all points, however they are raised.

As a certification body, Intertek Moody Marine has dispute resolution procedures available should these prove necessary.

Yours,

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