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## ***MSC Assessment of Alaska Salmon Fisheries*** **Timeline Extension** **25 May 2006**

The MSC process for independently re-assessing the commercial salmon fisheries in Alaska is being extended. The assessment is being extended to incorporate new information provided to the assessment team on several of the units of certification where the assessment team needed further clarification to complete its review.

As always, the goal of the review is to complete a comprehensive and robust assessment of all 16 units of certification and the hundreds of fisheries that currently make up the commercial salmon fisheries in Alaska.

This time extension will continue through the current salmon season to allow for scheduling difficulties with the very busy fishery managers. As before, SCS will allow for additional stakeholder comment as well during this period. The extension granted by the Marine Stewardship Council will be to 15 December 2006.

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