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Certification Extension for New Zealand Hoki Fishery.

SGS has determined that the current MSC certificate of compliance for the hoki fishery will be extended until 31 October 2007, unless earlier revoked or replaced by a new certificate.

This extension of the certificate has become necessary to allow SGS to fully respond to the remands of the Independent Objections Panel (IOP) in relation to the objections lodged to the March 2006 assessment report on the fishery and the consequent intention of SGS to certify the fishery. The extended period for the Objection has been necessary to enable SGS to convene its technical assessment team to prepare the response to the IOP remands.

The fishery will be subject to an annual compliance audit (directed by the Fisheries Certification Methodology Version 6) within the next four weeks to determine if the fishery remains in compliance with the existing certificate.

For further information, contact Sander Buijs, SGS Netherlands, at above mentioned phone number or mail address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sander Buijs', written over a horizontal blue line.

Sander Buijs