

MSC Re-Assessment of the New Zealand Hoki Fishery

Re-Assessment Process Extension Notification

The submission of a major review and analysis of the fishery performance by one stakeholder (WWF New Zealand) has created the need for a credible evaluation of the new evidence not previously provided to the assessment team. This requires an extension of the current re-assessment process, beyond that anticipated in the original time schedule for this fishery assessment to meet the 14 March 2006 end of certification deadline.

To allow for a credible evaluation of the fishery performance in the light of the new data and evidence supplied from the public review period, from the client in response, and from agencies, SGS has allowed for an extension of the re-assessment process (and thus the current certification of the hoki fishery), for a period of 6 weeks i.e. until 25th April 2006.

On the current level of engagement and set of activities, SGS is confident that the assessment process can be brought to the stage of issuance of a certification determination within this period.

A scanned copy of the extended certificate and the revised time schedule is attached to this notification and can be found on the MSC website at www.msc.org.

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