

MSC Re-Assessment of the New Zealand Hoki Fishery

Confirmation of Peer Reviewers

SGS has assembled a highly experienced team of peer reviewers to assess the MSC fishery re-assessment report. Stakeholders have been invited to comment on the proposed membership of the Peer Review Team by contacting SGS at the address shown below (deadline 9th September 2005). After having reviewed the comments received on the proposed team members, SGS has selected the following fishery scientists to conduct the peer review.

Peer Reviewer *Dr. Tony Smith, CSIRO (Australia)*

Dr. Smith has more than 15 years experience in stock assessment and evaluation of fisheries management. Currently, Dr. Smith works as Senior Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO Division of Marine and Atmospheric Research, Hobart, Australia. Dr. Smith is internationally recognized for his expertise in stock assessment and harvest strategy evaluation, and more recently has started developing methods to assess ecosystem effects from fishing. Dr. Smith has worked on fisheries in a number of areas around the world as well as on international panels with ICES and FAO. Dr. Smith is also knowledgeable about MSC processes having worked on assessments of the Western Australia Rock Lobster and Alaska Pollock Fisheries and participated in MSC workshops on developing and interpreting performance indicators for use in fishery assessments.

Peer Reviewer *Dr. Dennis Heinemann, Marine Ecological Consulting (USA)*

Dr. Heinemann has more than 20 years experience in marine ecology, the effects of fishing and area management of marine resources. Currently, Dr. Heinemann works as Senior Scientist with The Ocean Conservancy, Washington DC, USA. Dr. Heinemann is widely recognized for his work on marine wildlife, human impacts on marine ecosystems, and the role of marine reserves as conservation and fisheries- management tools. Dr. Heinemann is also knowledgeable about MSC processes having worked as a previous peer reviewer of the New Zealand hoki fishery assessment.

The peer review activities are scheduled after the client has reviewed the draft assessment report and the team has processed the client report into a final client report. The current planning has scheduled the review to take place in the period of 22 -31 October 2005.

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