



## MSC Re-Assessment of the New Zealand Hoki Fishery

### Assessment Process and Meeting Schedule

SGS has been contracted to complete an extensive and independent evaluation to measure compliance of New Zealand's Hoki Fishery with the Marine Stewardship Council's standards for sustainable fisheries management.

The SGS Assessment Team will be scheduling meetings in Wellington, Auckland and Nelson in August 2004 to discuss the management operations of the fishery with fisheries managers and scientists, as well as interested parties. An overview of the complete assessment schedule as well as the meeting schedule is attached to this announcement.

Prior to conducting meetings with fishers, fishery managers, scientists, and stakeholders, the assessment team will have collected, considered and processed your comments on the draft set of performance indicators into the final performance indicator document that will be used to conduct the full assessment of the fishery. During the meetings, SGS will seek comments on the performance of the fishery management operations against the performance indicator document.

The applicant for the assessment, HFMC will be arranging meetings with the appropriate managers and scientists to provide the assessment team with the information it requires to complete its evaluation. In addition, SGS would like to speak to all interested parties to obtain their views of fishery management operations. All interested parties can contact Julie MacDonald, to declare their interests and set up meetings with the assessment team.

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