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FISHERY CERTIFICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

US/ Canada Pacific Hake Mid-water Trawl Fisheries

The Certification Decision Board of TAVEL Certification has reviewed the final certification report, submitted peer review and stakeholder comments and has confirmed that TAVEL has followed all necessary procedural steps as defined by the MSC Fisheries Certification Methodology.

The Certification Decision Board has determined that the United States and Canadian Pacific hake mid-water trawl fisheries as described within this certification report should be certified according to the Marine Stewardship Council Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fisheries.

After completion of the objection process and in consideration of the final decision of the Independent Adjudicator, TAVEL Certification has determined that the fisheries will be certified in accordance with the Marine Stewardship Council Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fisheries.

The final report is available on the MSC website in the assessment downloads section for the certified fisheries.

A surveillance audit plan is in place, the next activity for this certification will be the announcement of the 2010 surveillance audit. Stakeholders are invited to contact the client or TAVEL Certification should they have questions or comments at any time.

TAVEL Certification congratulates the clients, **Pacific Whiting Conservation Cooperative, Oregon Trawl Commission and the Association of Pacific Hake Fishermen** for their achievement.

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