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## Pacific Hake Full MSC Assessment Notification

TAVEL Certification Inc is pleased to announce that US and Canadian coast wide Pacific hake, (also known as Pacific whiting) mid water trawl fisheries, represented by harvesting and processing sector clients in Washington, Oregon and California, United States and the harvesting sector in British Columbia, Canada, is proceeding to a full fishery certification assessment under the Marine Stewardship Council's sustainable fishing certification program. The assessment will evaluate the Pacific hake midwater trawl fishery for compliance with the MSC's Standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries."

The participating parties include companies representing both the processing sector and the harvesting sector inclusive of the American shore-side catcher fleets, the American catcher-processor fleets and mothership fleet, the Makah Tribal Fishery of Washington, and the Association representing the harvesting sector of Canada.

This mid-water trawl fishery is managed by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO Pacific Region) in Canada and by the National Marine Fisheries Service and Pacific Fishery Management Council in the US. The management framework for the fishery is the recently ratified "Agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting".

The contracted clients for the full certification are:

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| Client 2: | Mr. Brad Pettinger<br><b>Oregon Trawl Commission</b><br>16289 Hwy 101 S, Suite C<br>Brookings, OR 97415                    | Phone: (541) 469-7830<br>Fax: (541) 469-7863<br><a href="mailto:bpettinger@ortrawl.net">bpettinger@ortrawl.net</a>                      |
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The clients have contracted a Project Manager who will represent the client throughout the technical aspects of the certification process. The Project Manager and his contacts are below.

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All inquires about the certification process and participation as a stakeholder may be sent to TAVEL Certification Inc at the following contacts:

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