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ADVISORY – DETERMINATION AND FINAL REPORT RELEASE

US/ Canada Pacific Hake Fisheries

After a 30 day mandatory stakeholder comment period for the Draft Report for the US/ Canada Pacific Hake Mid-Water Trawl Fisheries the independent Certification Decision Committee of TAVEL Certification Inc. has reviewed the draft report prepared by the assessment team, stakeholder comments, peer review comments and responses.

The Certification Decision Committee has Determined that the US/ Canada Pacific Hake Mid-Water Trawl Fisheries should be certified in accordance with the MSC Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing.

The final report is available at the MSC website at <http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/in-assessment/pacific/pacific-hake-mid-water-trawl>.

It must be noted that this decision is a **Determination** and not the final certification result. The fishery is not yet certified and can not use the MSC Logo and claim until the mandatory 15 working day objection period has been concluded and the fishery formally declared certified.

This Determination announcement marks the beginning of the 15 working day objection period during which stakeholders can file a statement of objection to the determination conclusion. Objections can be filed on the grounds of merit (that the stakeholder party lodged written submissions to the certification body during the fishery assessment process, and/or attended stakeholder meetings to which they were invited); or procedure (that the failure of the certification body to follow procedures prevented or impaired the objecting party's earlier participation).

Any stakeholders may file information to support a Merit Objection initially filed by a participating stakeholder.

The MSC objections procedure is fully described on the MSC website at <http://www.msc.org/documents/printed-documents/fisheries/TimelineforDetermination-Objections.doc/view>.

Any stakeholders intending to file an Objection must address their letter of intent to Steve Devitt of TAVEL Certification and must copy the correspondence to the Chief Executive of the MSC by 5pm GMT, June 10, 2009.

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