

**Government of South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands
 Patagonian Toothfish Longline Fishery
 Marine Stewardship Council Certification**

Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd

RE-ASSESSMENT VARIATION – EXTENSION OF EXISTING CERTIFICATE

The re-assessment of this fishery is now approaching the final stages, all steps in the re-assessment have been successfully completed to date. However, due to unavoidable delays in the latter report preparation stages, the re-assessment cannot be completed within the timeframe of the current certification. These delays relate to restricted Assessment Team availability due to extraordinary circumstances. Substitutions could have been made but that would have led to greater delays. Following discussions with the MSC the existing certificate is extended up to the end of October 2009, with MSC's permission, in order to cover the continuity of supply from the fishery while the assessment is completed. This variation is conditional upon the following facts that Moody Marine confirm to be accurate;

- the fishery has made the improvements required by the conditions set in the current certification;
- the fishery continues to be compliant with the MSC standard;
- the current draft report for the fishery recommends continued certification.
- the fishery will continue to comply with the existing certificate until the reassessment process is complete.

Stage	Current status	Duration (days)
Public consultation	18/06/09	30
Final report preparation		21
Moody determination		5
Final Report and Determination		21
Certification		
Final changes to report		10
Certificate Issued		
Issue Public Certification Report	13/10/09	

The timetable above includes time allocated to comply with MSC procedure and an estimation of the time that Moody International staff and Assessment Team need to respond to stakeholder consultation. As such the timetable remains provisional.



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