

**\*\*\*\*\*ADVISORY\*\*\*\*\***  
**Australia HIMI Mackerel Icefish Fishery**  
**Assessment Team Selected**

Three independent scientists have been selected to work with Scientific Certification Systems, Inc. (SCS) to assess whether the Australia HIMI Mackerel Icefish Fishery is in compliance with the Marine Stewardship Council's (MSC) Principles and Criteria for sustainable fisheries management.

SCS, an MSC accredited independent certifier, requested input from stakeholders in all sectors (fishers, conservation groups, and government) regarding the selection of scientists to serve on SCS's Evaluation Team. Since no input was provided, SCS considers all candidates as satisfactory to serve on the assessment team. Of the candidates nominated, SCS has chosen:

Dr. Norm Hall (Murdoch University, Australia)	stock assessment,
Dr. Trevor Ward (University of Western Australia, Australia)	ecosystem impacts,
Dr. Graeme Parkes (MRAG Americas Inc.)	management systems.

These scientists will collectively provide the expertise required for the assessment of the HIMI Mackerel Icefish fishery assessment as required by the Marine Stewardship Council process. Dr. Chet Chaffee will serve as project manager.

The next step in the process is the development of 'Performance Indicators' and 'Scoring Guideposts'. The evaluation team will develop a draft for comment and notify stakeholders of the comment period.

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