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ANNOUNCEMENT OF REASSESSMENT - AUSTRALIA MACKEREL ICEFISH FISHERY

SCS is pleased to announce that the Australia Mackerel Icefish Fishery has decided to move forward with a reassessment under the MSC fishery certification program. As before, the assessment will evaluate the fishery for compliance with the MSC's Standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries. This includes inquiries into the status of stocks, the effects of fishing on the ecosystem, and the comprehensiveness and robustness of the management system

Having analyzed the characteristics of the fishery, SCS proposes to use the default assessment tree contained within the MSC Fishery Assessment Methodology version 2 (FAM v2) in the independent reassessment of the Australia Mackerel Icefish Fishery.

As required by MSC, SCS will be taking comments on its proposed use of the FAM default assessment tree through 1700 PST on 8 May 2010. All comments should be sent to the contact details shown below. Comments should be made as specific as possible to individual performance indicators and scoring guideposts, and their potential for scoring this particular fishery against the MSC Principles and Criteria.

More information regarding the FAM and the default assessment tree can be found at <http://www.msc.org/about-us/standards/methodologies/fam>

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