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AUSTRALIA MACKEREL ICEFISH *MSC Reassessment Audit Meetings*****

The Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) process for independently reevaluating the Australia Mackerel Icefish Fishery is moving to the next step of the assessment process. The assessment team from Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) will be conducting assessment meetings in Hobart, Tasmania, AU from **24 through 26 May 2010** with the client Austral Fisheries Pty Ltd., fishery managers, scientists and stakeholders to gain a full understanding of the current state of the fishery and its management.

It is also a requirement of the MSC program that all certification organizations allow for stakeholder participation in the assessment process. As a result, this notice is to advise any parties (individuals or organizations) interested in providing input to the assessment process, to contact SCS and provide:

- a) Your name and contact details
- b) Your association with the fishery
- c) The issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation).

As a reminder, information is most useful to the assessment team when it is specific and includes constructive suggestions for improving existing situations. Also, supporting documentary evidence for any issues of concern will be greatly appreciated by the assessment team.

Information on the MSC standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries is available at www.msc.org

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