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MSC Stakeholder Consultation Process **Independent Evaluation**

Lakes and Coorong Fishery, South Australia

The Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) process for independently evaluating the South Australian Lakes and Coorong 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 Adelaide from 27 to 29 June 2005 with the Southern Fishermen's Association, fishery managers and stakeholders to gain a full understanding of the current state of management for the fishery. Stakeholders interested in providing input to the SCS assessment team on management of the fishery should contact the SCS Project Manager, Chet Chaffee, or team member Trevor Ward, to arrange an agreed day and time to discuss matters of interest with the assessment team, or to discuss other mechanisms for providing input to the assessment process.

Stakeholder input will be accepted by SCS until 27 July 2005.

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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