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***MSC Assessment of Lakes & Coorong Fisheries  
South Australia***

**Nominations for Peer Reviewers of MSC Draft Assessment Report  
29 January 2007**

The MSC process for independently assessing the commercial fisheries in Lakes and Coorong is continuing by submitting the draft assessment report to peer reviewers for review and comment. Scientific Certification Systems, Inc., as required by the Marine Stewardship Council, is issuing a list of potential peer reviewers to ensure that stakeholders have the opportunity to comment if they determine they would like to input information into the assessment process. This posting will last 10 days, so comments must be sent in no later than 8 February 2007.

The scientists SCS is nominating as potential peer reviewers are:

Dr. Ian Knuckey [Fishwell Consulting, Victoria, Australia]

Ian is director of Fishwell Consulting, a company providing research and consulting services to encourage and promote sustainable fishing practices in the commercial fishing industry. Ian has a PhD in fisheries population dynamics and twenty years of involvement in temperate and tropical fisheries including extensive experience with invertebrate fisheries and both inshore and deepwater scalefish and shark fisheries. Following extensive research on the Northern Territory fisheries over a period of seven years, Ian is now working on various research projects on the inshore and offshore fisheries off south-eastern Australia.

Ian implemented the successful Integrated Scientific Monitoring Programs for the South East Fishery (SEF) and Great Australian Bight fisheries and is the principal investigator of a number of research projects including: investigation of the use of modified trawl gear to reduce bycatch levels in these fisheries; a study of the feasibility of introducing an industry-based fishery independent survey into the SEF; development of electronic logbooks for fishing vessels; and, forming an Australian-wide company to utilize through-chain production of seafood wastes.

Mr. Josh Eagle, JD. [University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, SC.]

Professor Eagle teaches property, environmental and natural resources law. He has published in the past on a range of issues, including ocean zoning, fishery management and endangered species. His current research focuses on ocean zoning, marine protected areas, and on improving public participation in resource decision-making.

Prior to joining the faculty at the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2004, Professor Eagle was Director of the Stanford Fisheries Policy Project, an interdisciplinary research project aimed at improving fishery management through better integration of marine science and law. While at Stanford, Professor Eagle taught law school and undergraduate courses in environmental and ocean law and policy. He also wrote several case studies that are now used to teach environmental and natural resources law in classrooms around the country.

From 1990 to 1995, Professor Eagle served as a trial attorney for the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. From 1997 to 1998, he was wildlife counsel in the policy office of the National Audubon Society in Washington, D.C. Professor Eagle is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University (B.A.), Colorado State University (M.S., Forest Sciences), and Georgetown University Law Center (J.D.). In 2004, he was chosen as an Atlantic Fellow in Public Policy and spent seven months in England studying British fisheries laws.

Dr. Paul McShane [Global Marine Resource Management Pty Ltd., Tasmania, Australia]

Professor Paul McShane is currently managing director of Global Marine Resource Management Pty Ltd and international consultancy firm specializing in ecological sustainable development of marine resources. He is also a Director of the Australian Fisheries Research and Development Corporation. He was formerly Vice President International and Development at the Australian Maritime College, Director (Environment) Seafood Council (SA) Ltd, Director Australian Marine Science and Technology Ltd, and Director North Australian Safety Centre.

Professor McShane has held senior management positions in marine research agencies in Victoria, South Australia and New Zealand. As a research scientist he has more than 100 publications in fisheries science and subtidal ecology. Specializing in multi-disciplinary project management, Professor McShane has current projects on ecosystem effects of fishing and application of environmental management systems to commercial fisheries. He has consulted to government and industry on environmental management, fisheries assessment, aquaculture and environmental impact assessment.

Dr. Rod Lenanton [Supervising Scientist – Finfish, Western Australian Marine Research Laboratories, Western Australia]

Over 35 years of research experience in a wide range of projects related to both the management of economically important finfish resources and their dependents habitats. Over the last twenty five of those years, have also supervised post-graduate fish biology students at Murdoch University and the University of Western Australia. Considerable effort has also been focussed on the study of the ecology of juvenile economically important finfish species, with emphasis, in particular, on habitat requirements and the concept of "estuarine-dependence". I have had a long-standing interest in the historical development and management of both commercial and recreational marine and estuarine fin fisheries. I have also had significant involvement in the identification of marine and estuarine habitats suitable for marine parks and reserves, and the development of appropriate management plans.

My present research priorities now lie primarily in the area of project supervision. My most recent active involvement in this area includes the biology/stock assessment of commercial and recreational resources including shark, pilchards, temperate and tropical demersal finfish, mackerel, and coastal species including Australian salmon and Australian herring, tailor, barramundi and black bream. My more recent research interests relate to the effect of the Leeuwin Current on coastal fin fisheries, and the evaluation of stock enhancement as a management tool.

Served as scientific adviser to numerous Government/Industry Management Advisory Committees, inter-governmental committees, national research working groups. External examiner to a number of Australian universities; referee for a number of international journals, former member of the Editorial Advisory Committee of Marine and Freshwater Research, member of Murdoch University Biological Sciences Advisory Panel. I also have work experience outside Australia. Have presented numerous papers to local, interstate and international audiences.

The peer review for Lakes and Coorong Fisheries is expected to be conducted between February 8 and March 8, 2007.

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All comments and/or objections should be directed to:

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