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Dear Dan

HASTINGS FISHERIES MSC SURVEILLANCE AND RE-ASSESSMENT

- 1. Dover sole trammel net fishery**
- 2. Mackerel and herring drift net fishery**
- 3. Dover sole trawl and gill net fishery**

It is the intent of the client is to have all four fisheries on the same timeline. MML are assured by the client that these fisheries continue to operate as they were certified. The fisheries are locally important to the Hastings community but the quantities of landings are extremely low when compared to the wider fisheries persecuted upon the stocks. MML therefore consider the extension of the certificates to be a very low risk strategy for the MSC to accept. The text presented below outlines the issues and proposes a way forward.

1. Dover sole trammel net

Fishery certificate dates: 13 Oct 2005 – 12 Oct 2010

- Surveillance 4 is overdue.
- Surveillance 4 will be conducted at the site visit for the reassessment which has been proposed for Jan - Feb 2011. MML therefore request an extension to the fishery certificate for a period of 12 months to allow reassessment.

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2. Mackerel and herring drift net

Fishery certificate dates: 13 Oct 2005 – 12 Oct 2010

- Surveillance 3 report (Nov 09) was completed but publication withheld awaiting the integration of the super condition (Feb 10). Surv 3 report is now completed with a new condition raised and a client action plan in place. MML have submitted the report to ECert (01 Dec 10).
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3. Dover sole trawl and gill-net

Fishery certificate dates: 7 July 2009 – 6 July 2014

- The client have requested that the fishery undertake reassessment early to bring all Hastings fisheries on to same timeline. MSC have agreed in principal to allow reassessment in second year of certificate. Surv 1, assuming successful, will allow the fishery to remain certified until the RA is complete. The three conditions should be fulfilled or demonstrably progressing by surveillance 1 when reassessment commences.
 - Cond 1. Recording of by-catches and discarding
 - Cond 2. Interactions with endangered, threatened or protected species
 - Cond3. Precautionary management
- Surveillance 1 is now overdue. Moody Marine therefore request a variation to allow a delayed Surveillance 1 to be conducted at the site visit for the reassessment which has been proposed for Jan - Feb 2011.

An outline plan is given below and will be confirmed in the reassessment announcements:

Activity	Planned
Announce Full Assessment Nominate Team	w/c 6 Dec
Confirm Team Guideposts & PIs	Dec or Jan
Site Visit	Late Jan or early Feb
Publish surveillance audits	Mar 2011
Client Review	May 2011
Peer Review	Apr 2011
Announce Peer review timescale	18/06/2011
Public Comment Draft Report	Aug 2100
Final Report and Determination	Oct 2011
Issue Public Certification Report	Nov 2011

If MSC can agree to these proposals and variations against procedural timelines then MML will initiate the process for a surveillance and reassessment visit for Jan – Feb 2011. A notice to stakeholders to explaining the situation with these fisheries is attached to this letter.

I look forward to your response

Yours Sincerely

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