

American Western Fish Boat Owners Association (WFOA)

Albacore Tuna (*Thunnus alalunga*) North Pacific Fishery

Marine Stewardship Council Certification Assessment

Certification Body: I:FQC Ltd.

Site Visit

This fishery is now entering the 'information gathering' stage of the assessment against the MSC Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing.

A key purpose of this stage is to collect information on the fishery and in particular to speak to representatives of the fishery, fishery management and environmental management bodies. Should you have any information on this fishery that you feel should be considered in the assessment, please advise us.

We expect to carry out most meetings over the period 19th-29th of May 2009. The assessment team will be visiting:

- Vancouver (British Columbia) on the 19th, 20th and 21st of May 2009
- Portland (Oregon) and Seattle (Washington State) from the 22nd to the 27th of May 2009.
- La Jolla (California) on the 28th and 29th of May 2009

If you would like to talk to the assessors, please advise us of your interest by Monday 11th of May 2009, giving the following details:

your name and contact details
your association with the fishery
the issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation)

Comments should be sent to:

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Should you wish to obtain further information on the Marine Stewardship Council, this is available on their web site at <http://www.msc.org>