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MSC Annual Surveillance US North Pacific sablefish Advisory

The US North Pacific sablefish fishery was certified by Scientific Certification Systems, Inc. (SCS) in 2006 following a full assessment of the fishery using the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) standards and certification methods.

The MSC program requires that an annual surveillance audit is conducted each year following the initial certification of a fishery. SCS is now in the process of the annual surveillance, which will review any changes in the management of the fishery, (including regulations, key management or scientific staff or stock evaluation), and to evaluate the progress of the fishery against any Conditions of Certification raised during the Main Assessment.

SCS anticipates that any required on-site portion of the annual surveillance, which enables SCS as necessary to speak with representatives of the fishery and fishery management organizations, will occur in Seattle, Washington, USA during the week of June 16th 2008 at a time convenient to all interested parties.

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

SCS will contact you to discuss how best to proceed to include your input in the annual surveillance process.

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