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AAFA and WFOA North Pacific Albacore fishery

American Albacore Fishing Association and Western Fishboat Owners Association

Issuance of Public Certification Report

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: MRAG Americas, Inc.

14 June 2018

MRAG Americas announces that the AAFA and WFOA North Pacific Albacore fishery did not receive an objection following posting of the Final Report and Determination. Therefore, MRAG Americas has decided that the AAFA and WFOA North Pacific Albacore fishery may be re-certified as sustainable against the MSC standard. The AAFA and WFOA North Pacific Albacore fishery is now re-certified for 5 years, subject to successful completion of annual surveillance audits. MRAG Americas has produced a Public Certification Report, available on the MSC website at https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/aafa-and-wfoa-north-pacific-albacore-tuna/@@view

The re-certification covers pole & line and troll/jig for Albacore tuna (*Thunnus alalunga*) in the North Pacific Ocean. Vessels and companies authorized to use the MSC logo for sales of Albacore tuna (*Thunnus alalunga*) into the MSC supply chain are listed in the Public Certification Report and on the certificate.

MRAG Americas acknowledges with thanks the participation of all stakeholders during this assessment.

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