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Eastern Pacific Purse Seine Skipjack and Yellowfin tuna fishery (FSC and FAD sets)

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Table 1 – Fishery announcement

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2	Assessment number												
	Full assessment												
3	Reduced reassessment (Yes/No)												
	No												
4	Statement that the fishery is within scope												
	<p>LR reviewed the application form of the fishery under assessment as well as produced the Announcement Comment Draft Report, and can confirm the fishery is in scope in accordance with requirements at §7.4 in the MSC FCP V2.2.</p> <p>Regarding the new shark finning scope requirements, Lloyd's Register are contacting the relevant management authorities for this fishery, the information from which will be discussed and reviewed at the site visit. The vessel list and confirmation of scope will be updated at the next reporting phase (Client and Peer Review Draft Report).</p>												
5	Unit(s) of Assessment - UoA(s)												
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9	Stakeholder opportunities

	<p>Stakeholders are encouraged to provide input on the ACDR before the site visit. Stakeholders have 60 days to provide input and should submit their input or comments on the ACDR by 5pm UTC on 21st February 2021.</p> <p>Stakeholders must submit their using the MSC Template for Stakeholder Input to Fishery Assessments v4.0.</p> <p>Site visit: because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all team members are available to meet remotely (FCP v2.2 7.12.2.e.i).</p>																								
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	<p>The site visit for this fishery will take place the week commencing 22nd February 2021. Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, LR is submitting a Variation Request for this initial assessment to be conducted remotely, in line with the MSC Sept 28th COVID-19 derogation. The result of the VR will be available on the MSC website before the site visit. If you would like to speak with the team please notify us as soon as possible, and before the end of the consultation period for submission of information (see below) – we can then arrange appropriate discussion opportunity.</p> <p>The MSC provide guidance and templates for stakeholder contribution which can be found here: https://www.msc.org/what-you-can-do/engage-with-a-fishery-assessment</p> <p>A key purpose of the site visit is to collect information and speak to stakeholders with an interest in the fishery. For those parts of the assessment involving the MSC's Risk Based Framework (RBF, see http://www.msc.org/about-us/standards/methodologies/fam/msc-risk-based-framework), we will be using a stakeholder-driven, qualitative and semi-quantitative analysis during the site visit. To achieve a robust outcome from this consultative approach, we rely heavily on participation of a broad range of stakeholders with a balance of knowledge of the fishery. We encourage any stakeholders with experience or knowledge of the fishery to participate in these meetings (FCP v2.2 7.12.3 and Annex PF2.3.2).</p>																								
14	Local Context																								
	English is spoken throughout most of the region. However, it is anticipated that Spanish will be a necessary language for much stakeholder input therefore translation services are being arranged.																								

	Dave and Kevin have had assignments in the region in the last 10 years.
15	Traceability
	Jim has completed the MSC traceability module in the last year, Dave in the last two years.
16	Risk Based Framework (RBF)
	Jim, Kevin and Dave have completed the RBF training.
17	Announcement Comment Draft Report stakeholder input deadline
	<p>The Announcement Comment Draft Report (ACDR) for this fishery is now available for consultation on the fishery's Track a Fishery page. Please note this does not represent a final outcome, and the scores are based on a review of documents submitted by the client in the Client Document Checklist – we fully recognise changes may be necessary following the site visit and stakeholder comments. Stakeholders can submit comments on the report, which will be published on the MSC website ahead of the site visit. As this is a full assessment, stakeholders have 60 days to submit comments, using the MSC Stakeholder Input form (available to download here). The deadline for information submission is therefore 21st February at 5pm UTC.</p> <p>Please see the MSC's Summary of Changes document, which includes an overview of the Fisheries Certification Process (FCP) V2.2, particularly in contrast to previous process versions. Following the ACDR consultation and site visit, stakeholders will also have the opportunity to participate at the following stages:</p> <p>Public Comment Draft Report: This version of the report contains updated scores and rationale following the ACDR consultation, site visit, client and peer review. Stakeholders will have 30 days to review the report.</p> <p>Final Draft Report: This presents the draft determination on whether the fishery passes or fails, and includes any changes following the public consultation, with responses to stakeholder input. An objection to the draft determination can be submitted within the 15 working day period (more details here).</p> <p>Annual surveillances: <i>If</i> the fishery is certified, annual surveillances will monitor progress on open conditions and check ongoing compliance with the standard – stakeholders will have the opportunity to participate annually.</p>

If you are not on the stakeholder list for this fishery, and would like to be to ensure you are notified of the consultation opportunities, please sign up [here](#) – or contact the LR fisheries team at fisheries-ca@lr.org

Submitted by: Deirdre Duggan

Date: 22nd Dec 2020

Appendix 1: Summaries of CVs of team leader and team members

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