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MSC EVALUATION

LAKES AND COORONG FISHERY, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

RE-ASSESSMENT ONSITE MEETING

The Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) process for independently evaluating of the Lakes and Coorong Fishery is moving forward in the Assessment Process. The Fishery was certified in 2008 against the MSC standard and has entered re-assessment.

The assessment team from SCS Global Services (SCS) will be conducting meetings in and around Adelaide, South Australia on March 20th-22nd, 2013. SCS invites all stakeholders to meet with the team and bring forth any issues or concerns about the certification of this fishery. The meetings will include participants such as fishermen, fishery managers, scientists and stakeholders to gain a full understanding of the current state of the fishery.

Units of Certification	
Species	Pipi (<i>Donax deltoides</i>), Golden Perch (callop) (<i>Macquaria ambigua</i>), Mulloway (<i>Argyrosomus hololepidotus</i>), Yellow-Eyed Mullet (<i>Aldrichetta forsteri</i>).
Geographical Area	Lakes and Coorong in South Australia
Methods of capture	Net (gill, drum, hauling) and rake
Management System	Input controls: limited entry, gear restrictions, Output controls: TACC for Pipi (Donax deltoides),
Client Group	Southern Fisherman's Association

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-riskbased-framework),

We will be using a stakeholder-driven, qualitative 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. The team will review the possibility of adopting the Risk Based Framework (RBF) for Pls 1.1.1, 2.3.1 and 2.5.1.

This notice is to advise any parties (individuals or organizations) interested in providing input and to participate in the assessment process, to contact SCS with

a) your name and contact details;

b) your association with the fishery; and

c) the issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation).

As a reminder, information is most useful to the assessment team when it is specific and includes constructive suggestions for improving existing situations. Also, supporting documentary evidence for any issues of concern will be greatly appreciated by the assessment team.

Please provide comments or contact us **by 1700 GMT on the 19th March 2013** if you like to meet and contribute to the assessment of the fishery.

The MSC Default Assessment Tree including the RBF may be downloaded from the MSC Website (www.msc.org).

If you would like to be included in the Stakeholder e-mail list, please contact

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