

*****ADVISORY*****

WPSTA Western and Central Pacific Skipjack and Yellowfin Free School Purse Seine Fishery

Update to Fishery Assessment Timeline

In accordance with Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Fishery Certification Requirements, stakeholders and interested parties are informed that there is available an updated timeline for the fishery currently under assessment. The updated timeline may be found on the MSC website at www.msc.org.

The fishery assessment timeline is updated to account for consideration of additional documentation submitted by the client group and ongoing negotiation of the client action plan.

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Table 1. Proposed Timeline as of January 2, 2018

Target Eligibility Date (TED): March 15, 2018

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Stages*	Activity	Party	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
Preparation (7.2.-7.8)	Contract signing	Client	X														
	Team Selection	SCS	X														
	Confirmation of Scope	SCS	X														
	Client Document Gathering	Client	X	X	X	X											
	Initial Review of Documents Submission by SCS	SCS		X	X	X											
	Team Review of Document Submission	SCS		X	X	X											
	Determining Assessment Tree	SCS		X													
	Announcement of Fishery Assessment and Site Visit (30 days)	SCS			X												
On-site visit (7.9)	Site Visit to conduct stakeholder interviews	Client					X										
	Additional Document gathering and review	Client					X	X	X	X							
Scoring (7.10.-7.12)	Scoring the Fishery	SCS					X	X	X	X							
	Determination of Traceability Systems	SCS								X							
Review & Certification (7.13.-7.18)	Preliminary Draft Report for Client Review	SCS					X	X	X	X							
	Client review and response to Preliminary Draft Report, including “action plan” (30 days)	Client									X	X					
	Incorporate Client Comments and Approve Action Plan	SCS										X	X				
	Consult on Peer Reviewers (10 days)	SCS										X					
	Peer Review and Incorporate Comments	PR/SCS												X			
	Posting of Public Comment Draft Report (30 days)	SCS												X	X		
	Team’s review of Public Comment Draft Report	SCS													X	X	
	Final Report and Certification Determination	SCS														X	
	Stakeholder Objection Period (15 days)	SCS														X	
Certification (7.19.-7.20)	Public Certification Report posted	SCS														X	
	Certification decision and certificate issue (TBD)	SCS														X	
Consultation	MSC Stakeholder consultation periods	SCS			X	X	X					X		X	X		

* Stages based on MSC FCR V 2.0, 1st October 2014

*Date of Previous timeline: November 2017