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Marine Stewardship Council Fishery Announcement

Name of Fishery	<i>California and Washington Pink Shrimp—expedited assessment</i>																																									
Assessment number	This is an initial assessment of the California and Washington Pink Shrimp fisheries to be undertaken by way of expedited scope extension to the certified Oregon Pink Shrimp fishery.																																									
Reduced re-assessment (Y/N)	No. This is an expedited scope extension assessment.																																									
Statement that the fishery is within scope	MRAG Americas has determined that this fishery is within scope for MSC assessment.																																									
Certificate sharing statement	With respect to the scope extension of the MSC certified Oregon Pink Shrimp fishery to include fisheries in Washington and California, Pacific Seafood agrees to make all licensed harvesters and processors eligible to be covered by the fisheries certificate, subject to fishing exclusively in the area of certification, complying with all conditions imposed on the fishery, complying with the Pacific Seafood catch sharing agreement and subject to catch delivery at designated facilities/companies. Pacific Seafood will accept new participants as designated facilities/Companies based on an agreement to equitably share the costs associated with obtaining and maintaining the fishery certificate.																																									
Estimated Length of Full Assessment & Timeline	<div><div>It is anticipated that the expedited scope extension assessment will be completed within six months of announcement. The expected timeline is as follows:</div><table><tr><th rowspan="2">Activity</th><th colspan="6">Month 2015</th></tr><tr><th>F</th><th>M</th><th>A</th><th>M</th><th>J</th><th>J</th></tr><tr><td>Announcement of scope extension, assessor consultation and confirmation, and site visit announcement</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Site visit</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Examination of evidence, scoring and report writing</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Client review (of OR surveillance audit report and scope extension report)</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table></div>	Activity	Month 2015						F	M	A	M	J	J	Announcement of scope extension, assessor consultation and confirmation, and site visit announcement							Site visit							Examination of evidence, scoring and report writing							Client review (of OR surveillance audit report and scope extension report)						
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	Consultation and confirmation of peer reviewer (scope extension)						
	Surveillance audit report publication for OR fishery						
	Peer review (scope extension)						
	Public review (scope extension)						
	Final report and addition of UoAs to certificate scope (if successful)						
Name of proposed Team Leader	<p>Ms. Amanda Stern-Pirlot (<i>team leader, onsite</i>), primarily responsible for Principle 2</p> <p>Amanda Stern-Pirlot is an M.Sc graduate of the University of Bremen, Center for Marine Tropical Ecology (ZMT) in marine ecology and fisheries biology. Ms. Stern-Pirlot joined MRAG Americas in mid-June, 2014 as MSC Certification Manager and senior fisheries consultant, a role involving oversight of and participation in MSC assessment activities. She has worked together with other scientists, conservationists, fisheries managers and producer groups on international fisheries sustainability issues for the past 10 years. With the Institute for Marine Research (IFM-GEOMAR) in Kiel, Germany, she led a work package on simple indicators for sustainable within the EU-funded international cooperation project INCOFISH, followed by five years within the Standards Department at the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) in London, developing standards, policies and assessment methods informed by best practices in fisheries management around the globe. She has also worked with the Alaska pollock industry as a resources analyst, within the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council process, focusing on bycatch and ecosystem-based management issues, and managing the day-to-day operations of the offshore pollock cooperative. She has co-authored a dozen publications on fisheries sustainability in the developing world and the functioning of certification schemes as an instrument for transforming fisheries to a sustainable basis.</p> <p>MRAG Americas confirms that Ms. Stern-Pirlot meets the competency criteria in Annex PC for team leaders as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has an appropriate university degree and more than five years' experience in management and research in fisheries; • She has passed the MSC team leader training; • She has the required competencies described in Table PC1, section 2; • She has undertaken one fishery assessment as a team member in the last five years, and a variation request has been accepted by the MSC to substitute her experience with MSC assessments in other capacities for the requirement to serve on two MSC fishery assessments as a team member; and • She has experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques and is able to effectively communicate with clients and other stakeholders. 						

	<p>In addition, she has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a Principle 2 assessor as described in FCR Annex PC table PC3.</p> <p>MRAG Americas confirms that Ms. Stern-Pirlot has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</p>
Name(s) of proposed assessors	<p><i>Dr. Susan Hanna</i> (team member, onsite), primarily responsible for Principle 3.</p> <p>Susan Hanna is professor emeritus of marine economics at Oregon State University. Her research and publications are in the area of marine economics and policy, with an emphasis on fishery management, ecosystem-based fishery management, property rights and institutional design. Dr. Hanna has served as a scientific advisor to the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, Minerals Management Service, Northwest Power and Conservation Council and the Pacific Fishery Management Council. She served on the Ocean Studies Board of the National Research Council (NRC), National Academy of Sciences, and several NRC Committees, including the Committee to Review Individual Quotas in Fisheries and the Committee on Protection and Management of Pacific Northwest Anadromous Salmonids.</p> <p>MRAG Americas confirms that Dr Hanna meets the competency criteria in Annex PC for team members as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has an appropriate university degree and more than five years' experience in management and research in fisheries, • She has undertaken at least two MSC fishery assessments or surveillance site visits in the last five years • She is able to score a fishery using the default assessment tree and describe how conditions are set and monitored. <p>In addition, she has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a Principle 3 assessor as described in FCR Annex PC table PC3, and is a standing member of the Oregon pink shrimp assessment team, and MRAG Americas confirms she has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</p> <p><i>Dr. Robert Trumble</i> (team member, remote), primarily responsible for Principle 1.</p> <p>Bob Trumble joined MRAG Americas in 2000 as a senior research scientist and became Vice President in 2005. He has wide-ranging experience in marine fish science and management, fishery habitat protection, and oceanography. Previously, he served as Senior Biologist of the International Pacific Halibut Commission in Seattle, Washington, in various research and management positions at the Washington Department of Fisheries, and with the US Naval Oceanographic Office. Dr. Trumble has extensive experience working with government agencies, commercial and recreational fisheries groups, Indian tribes, and national and international advisory groups. He received appointments to the Scientific and Statistical Committees of the South Atlantic Fishery</p>

	<p>Management Council and the Pacific Fishery Management Council, the Groundfish Management Team of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, the affiliate faculty of Fisheries at the University of Washington, and the Advisory Committee of the Washington Sea Grant Program. Dr. Trumble received a Ph.D. in Fisheries from the College of Fisheries, University of Washington.</p> <p>MRAG Americas confirms that Dr Trumble meets the competency criteria in Annex PC for team members as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He has an appropriate university degree and more than five years' experience in management and research in fisheries, • He has undertaken at least two MSC fishery assessments or surveillance site visits in the last five years • He is able to score a fishery using the default assessment tree and describe how conditions are set and monitored. <p>In addition, he has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a Principle 1 assessor as described in FCR Annex PC table PC3, and MRAG Americas confirms he has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</p>
Assessment tree to be used	<i>The default assessment tree contained within MSC Certification Requirements version 1.3 will be used for this assessment.</i>
Site visit	The assessment team will meet at the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport Oregon from March 9th-11th, in conjunction with the 2nd surveillance audit of the Oregon pink shrimp fishery (see separate surveillance announcement).

MRAG Americas, Inc. is pleased to announce that a Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) assessment of the **California and Washington pink shrimp** fisheries has begun. The assessment will evaluate the fishery for compliance with the MSC's Standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries. MRAG Americas has determined that the fishery is in scope.

This fishery assessment will be undertaken by way of an expedited scope extension to the certified Oregon pink shrimp fishery. As part of the assessment, MRAG Americas announces that the MSC assessment of the California and Washington pink shrimp fisheries will undertake stakeholder meetings and assess relevant documentation with a visit to the fisheries in March, 2015. **The assessment team will meet at the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport Oregon from March 9th-11th, in conjunction with the 2nd surveillance audit of the Oregon pink shrimp fishery.** The purpose of these meetings is for a fishery assessment and stakeholder consultation to receive information from fishery representatives, government management agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other interested stakeholders

Because this is an expedited scope extension assessment, the assessment will examine components of the California and Washington fisheries not held in common with the Oregon fishery. The components to be assessed for the WA and CA fisheries are as follows:

- Principle 1 Harvest Strategy
- Principle 3 Governance and Policy
- Principle 3 Fishery Specific Management

In addition, it may be necessary to assess any differences in management Performance Indicators in Principle 2.

MRAG invites stakeholders to provide any information considered relevant to the surveillance and expedited assessments of the fisheries. MRAG will schedule meetings with stakeholders if requested. To schedule a meeting please provide:

- your name and contact details
- your association with the fishery
- the issues you would like to discuss
- where and when you would like to meet

Stakeholders may provide input at any time. We ask stakeholders who wish to meet with the team to make the request for a meeting by 5pm PST on 27 February 2015.

The MSC has developed a guide for stakeholder input, available at <http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders> and a template for stakeholder response available at http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders/template_for_stakeholder_input. You may use the template or provide your response in any other format.

More information on the fishery is available at <http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/pacific/oregon-pink-shrimp/reassessment-downloads>

Please send any documentation, requests for meetings, or inquiries to:

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Appendix 1: Client certificate sharing statement



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To whom it may concern:

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Appendix 2: CVs of team leader and team

CVs provided as separate PDF documents downloadable from the MSC website here:

<http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/pacific/oregon-pink-shrimp/reassessment-downloads>