

**MSC EVALUATION OF THE
ITURUP PINK AND CHUM SALMON SET NET FISHERY
ANNOUNCEMENT OF 4th Annual Surveillance Audit**

The Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) process for independently evaluating the fishery above is moving forward in the Assessment Process. The 4th Annual Surveillance Audit will be combined with the start of the full re-assessment. The provisional timing of the **site visit is 29 July through 2 August, 2013 in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk and Iturup Island, Russian Federation**. SCS invites all stakeholders to meet with the team and bring forth any issues or concerns about the certification of this fishery. The meeting will include participants such as fishermen, fishery managers, scientists and stakeholders to gain a full understanding of the current state of the fishery.

2 Units of Certification based on two species	
Species	Pink Pacific salmon (<i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i>) and chum Pacific salmon (<i>O. keta</i>)
Geographical Area	Iturup Island, Russian Far East. FAO Major Fishing Area 61 (Northwest Pacific).
Stock	2 stocks based on 2 different species
Gear Type	set nets/fish trap
Management System	Terminal fishery with escapement goals for individual streams. Managed by SakNIRO, Russian Federation Far East Fisheries Agency
Client Group	J.S.C. Gidrostroy

It is a requirement of the MSC program that all certification organizations allow for stakeholder participation in the assessment process. As a result, this notice is to advise any parties (individuals or organizations) interested in providing input, to contact SCS and provide

- 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 contact SCS by 1700 GMT 10 July 3013

The target re-certification date for this fishery is prior to the certificate expiry of **9 September 2014**

Information on the MSC standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries is available at www.msc.org

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