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Gulf of California, Mexico - Sardines

Advisory

After considerable external debate, stakeholder discussions and internal professional discussions, the client has agreed to allow the assessment team to move the sardine fishery assessment forward using the default assessment tree (Version 1 21 July 2008).

The assessment team from Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) will be conducting assessment meetings in Guaymas, Mexico from 24 to 25 September 2009 with Cámara Nacional de la Industria Pesquera, fishery managers and scientists to gain a full understanding of the current state of management for the fishery.

It is a requirement of the MSC program that all certification organizations allow for stakeholder participation in the assessment process. 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).

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.

As a reminder, there is required to be two further public consultation periods where stakeholder submissions will be solicited. Upon release of a Public Comment Draft Report and again upon release of the Final Draft Report.

More information regarding this assessment process can be found at:

<http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/in-assessment/pacific/gulf-of-california-mexico-sardine>

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