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Final Report (FR)

American Samoa albacore tuna longline fishery

MEC Certification Ltd (MEC) announces that following the 30-day period of stakeholder comments on the Public Comment Draft Report, the Final Report for this fishery has now been published.

MEC's Final Report concludes that the American Samoa albacore tuna longline fishery should be certified according to the Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fisheries as set by the Marine Stewardship Council.

The Final Report for this assessment is now available on the MSC website. Please note that this is a determination and not a final certification result. The fishery is not certified until the final consultation period of 15 working days has been concluded. In this period a party may lodge either a Procedural Objection or a Merits Objection. A description for the Grounds of Objection is available in the MSC Objections Procedure on www.msc.org.

A notice of objection must be submitted in the format prescribed by the MSC (<https://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/forms-and-templates/notice-of-objection-form-v2.0/view>). It shall be addressed to the independent adjudicator and sent to objections@msc.org.

The deadline for this consultation is 17:00 GMT, 20th November 2017.

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