



10051 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
N., Suite 105 St.  
Petersburg, Florida  
33702-2211  
Tel: (727) 563-9070  
Fax: (727) 563-0207

Email: [MRAG.Americas@mragamericas.com](mailto:MRAG.Americas@mragamericas.com)

President: Andrew A. Rosenberg, Ph.D.

## Marine Stewardship Council Fishery Announcement

Name of Fishery	Australian Northern Prawn Fishery													
Assessment number	2 <sup>nd</sup> Assessment													
Reduced re-assessment (Y/N)	No													
Statement that the fishery is within scope	The fishery entering assessment meets the scope requirements (FCR 7.4) for MSC fishery assessments.													
Certificate sharing statement	N/A													
Estimated Length of Full Assessment & Timeline	The full assessment will begin January 2017, with a site visit in February of 2017.													
	Activity	Month												
		2017						2018						
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J
	MSC Announcement, including team confirmation, notification of default assessment tree and assessment site visit													
	Stakeholder consultation (ongoing)													
	Assessment visit, stakeholder meetings													
	Examination of evidence, scoring, report preparation													
	Report review and finalization													
	Consultation and confirmation of Peer Reviewers													
	Client review of draft report													
	Peer review of draft report													
	Stakeholder review of draft report													



	<p>level of interaction with policy and industry clients, and with international organizations. An important aspect of his work is to be able to translate complex fisheries information to a range of audiences.</p> <p>MRAG Americas confirms that Dr McLoughlin meets the competency criteria in Annex PC for team members as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He has an appropriate university degree and more than five years' experience in management and research in fisheries,</li> <li>• He has undertaken at least two MSC fishery assessments or surveillance site visits in the last five years</li> <li>• He is able to score a fishery using the default assessment tree and describe how conditions are set and monitored.</li> </ul> <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> <p>Ms. Mihaela Zaharia earned her M Sc. In biological and Ecosystem Sciences. Her relevant experience includes involvement as a marine science researcher for Poseidon Aquatic Resources Management Consultants Ltd and National Institute for Marine Research and Development (Gr. Alntipa). Ms. Zaharia has also participated in a number of assessments and Fisheries Improvement Plans and prepared Risk Based Framework templates for the MSC. In addition to her employment history, Ms. Zaharia has also contributed several publications on fishery biology and science.</p> <p>MRAG Americas confirms that Ms. Zaharia meets the competency criteria in Annex PC for team members as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She has an appropriate university degree and more than five years' experience in management and research in fisheries,</li> <li>• She has completed the MSC training.</li> <li>• She is able to score a fishery using the default assessment tree and describe how conditions are set and monitored.</li> </ul> <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, and MRAG Americas confirms she has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</p>
<b>Assessment tree to be used</b>	The default assessment tree contained within MSC Certification Requirements version 1.3 will be used for this assessment.
<b>Site visit</b>	The site visit will be in Brisbane, AU February 13-15 <sup>th</sup> . This visit is happening commensurately with the 4 <sup>th</sup> surveillance visit.

MRAG Americas, Inc. is pleased to announce that a Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) reassessment of Australian Northern prawn fishery 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.

As part of the assessment, MRAG Americas announces that stakeholder meetings and assessment of relevant documentation will be undertaken with a visit to the fishery in February 2017.

MRAG Americas announcement—Australian Northern Prawn Trawl Fishery

**The assessment team will meet in Brisbane, AU February 13 – 15<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

MRAG invites stakeholders to provide any information considered relevant to the expedited assessments of the fishery. 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 February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

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 <https://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/forms-and-templates/template-for-stakeholder-input-into-fishery-assessments-v2.0/view?searchterm=stakeholder+input>. You may use the template or provide your response in any other format.

More information on the fishery is available at <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/australia-northern-prawn/@@view>.

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

Amanda Stern-Pirlot  
MRAG Americas, Inc.  
10051 5<sup>th</sup> St. N., Suite 105  
St. Petersburg FL 33702

Ph: 1-206-669-0439  
Fax: 1-727-563-0207  
[certification@mragamericas.com](mailto:certification@mragamericas.com)

*Submitted by: Amanda Stern-Pirlot*

*Date: December 20, 2016*