



**\*\*\*\*\*ADVISORY\*\*\*\*\***  
**NORTH PACIFIC HALIBUT AND BLACK COD FISHERIES**  
**INDEPENDENT TEAM OF SCIENTISTS SELECTED**

Three independent scientists have been selected to work with Scientific Certification Systems, Inc. (SCS) to assess whether the North Pacific (US and Canada) Halibut and Alaska Black Cod fisheries are in compliance with the Marine Stewardship Council's (MSC) Principles and Criteria for sustainable fisheries management.

SCS, an MSC accredited independent certifier, consulted with stakeholders (fishers, conservation groups, and government) in the US and Canada in selecting scientists to serve on SCS's Evaluation Team. Joining SCS in the assessment are:

Dr. Rick Deriso (Inter American Tropical Tuna Commission)	stock assessment,
Dr. Robert Furness (University of Glasgow, Scotland)	ecosystem impacts,
Dr. Mike Shepard (Independent Consultant )	management systems.

These scientists collectively provide the expertise required under the Marine Stewardship Council process and will provide the independent assessment according to MSC guidelines.

The next step in the process is the development of 'Performance Indicators' and 'Scoring Guideposts'. The evaluation team will develop a draft for comment and notify stakeholders of the comment period.

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