

**Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Certification
Canadian Highly Migratory Species Foundation (CHMSF)**

British Columbia Albacore Tuna (*Thunnus alalunga*) North Pacific Fishery

2014 Surveillance Assessment

MSC certification requires annual surveillance assessments of all certified fisheries. This fishery is now entering the 'annual surveillance' stage of the assessment against the MSC Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing.

These annual audits have two principal functions:

1. To review any changes in the management of the fishery, including regulations, key management or scientific staff or stock evaluation
2. To evaluate the progress of the fishery against any Conditions of Certification raised during the Main Assessment

A key purpose of this stage is to collect information on the fishery and in particular to speak to representatives of the fishery, fishery management and environmental management bodies. Should you have any information on this fishery that you feel should be considered in the audit, please advise us. If you not wish to be interviewed you may submit written information to the assessment team.

We expect to carry out most meetings over the period 7th April 2014 – 11th April 2014 inclusive. The assessment team will be visiting:

- Vancouver on 7th & 8th April 2014
- San Diego on 9th, 10th & 11th April 2014

If you would like to talk to the assessors, please advise us of your interest by 24th March 2014 giving the following details:

- your name and contact details
- your association with the fishery
- the issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation)

Comments should be sent to:

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