

Marine Stewardship Council Surveillance Announcement

Name of Fishery	AAFA and WFOA North Pacific albacore tuna pole & line and troll/jig fishery			
	AAFA and WFOA South Pacific albacore tuna troll/jig fishery			
Surveillance level and type	Level	5	Type	Off-site
	Any changes in surveillance activity since PCDR / previous surveillance report		The fisheries were re-certified on 21 st December 2012. The first annual audit was varied until March 2013 owing to availability of key stakeholders. This audit will take place at the end of May 2015 and it is intended, unless otherwise notified, that this cycle will continue for the remainder of the certification.	
Surveillance number	1st Surveillance	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	2nd Surveillance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	3rd Surveillance	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	4th Surveillance	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Other (expedited etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Proposed Team Leader	Name		Rob Blyth Skyrme	
	Areas of responsibility		Lead Assessor	
	Competency criteria fulfilment details		Rob was the lead assessor/auditor for the re-assessment and 1 st surveillance audit	
	Onsite?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Offsite?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed team members <i>[remove if not applicable]</i>	Surveillance team member 2			
	Name		Kevin McLoughlin	
	Competency criteria fulfilment details		Kevin has worked on a number of MSC assessments and surveillance audits for Pacific tuna fisheries.	
	Onsite?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Offsite?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Surveillance team member 3			
	Name		N/A	
	Competency criteria fulfilment details			
	Onsite?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Offsite?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Audit/review time and location	The offsite audits will take place on 28 th and 29 th May 2015.			

Assessment/ review activities	Tele/Skype conference calls will take place with the client and key stakeholders. The audit will include a review of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Changes to the fishery and its management;b. Performance in relation to any relevant conditions of certification;c. Any developments or changes within the fishery which impact traceability and the ability to segregate MSC from non-MSC products; andd. Any other significant changes in the fishery.
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IFC would like to encourage all stakeholders with an interest in this fishery to contact the lead assessor at rob@ichthysmarine.com either to submit comments for consideration by the surveillance team or to ask to speak with the surveillance team directly. If you would like to do this please let us know as soon as possible so that we may schedule a suitable time for this.

It should be noted that we are using the new surveillance process as set out in the MSC Certification Requirements version 2 for this annual audit.

Submitted by: Paul Knapman

Date: 28th April 2015

Appendix 1: Surveillance Team

Dr. Rob Blyth-Skyrme

Rob has worked in aquaculture and then in marine fisheries science, management and policy since 1996. Rob started his career in finfish mariculture, before switching to a focus on wild fisheries. Following his PhD which focussed on fisheries management and the environmental effects of fishing, he moved to Eastern Sea Fisheries Joint Committee, the largest inshore fisheries management organization in England, where he became the Deputy Chief Fishery Officer. He then became a senior advisor to the UK Government on marine fisheries and environmental issues, leading a team dealing with fisheries policy, science and nationally significant fisheries and environmental casework. He has extensive experience of running and providing lead input to workshops and management fora at a national level, and has published a number of papers in peer-reviewed international journals. Rob now runs Ichthys Marine Ecological Consulting Ltd., a marine fisheries and environmental consultancy. From late 2008, he based the company in Hawaii, but he returned to the UK in summer 2013 to continue the business. In addition to other fisheries and environmental consultancy work, Rob has undertaken all facets of MSC work as a Lead Assessor and expert team member, across varied fisheries including those for Alaska pollock, Pacific cod, Alaska salmon, North Pacific albacore, Grand Bank yellowtail flounder, Arctic surfclams and European mussels.

Dr. Kevin McLoughlin:

Kevin McLoughlin is a specialist fisheries consultant who previously worked with the Australian Bureau of Rural Sciences as a Senior Fisheries Scientist engaged in a wide range of international and domestic fisheries issues, with close links to Government policy. Responsibilities included production of BRS Fishery Status Reports which have had a major influence on the direction of Australia's fisheries management and policy. Responsibilities required a high level of interaction with policy and industry clients, and with international organizations. He represented BRS on many committees and groups such as the Australian Fisheries Management Authority's fishery assessment groups (including southern shark, scallop, northern prawn, western tuna), the Australian Shark Implementation Group for the National Plan of Action for Sharks and others. From 2005 to 2008 he was Chair of the Department of Environment and Heritage National Shark Recovery Group. Mr McLoughlin represented Australia on scientific issues at the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission and as Chair of their Working Party on Bycatch, and led Australia's delegation to 2006 scientific meetings of the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna. Kevin has carried out MSC certification for sustainable fisheries for the Fiji longline albacore fishery and has undertaken surveillance audits for the New Zealand albacore tuna fishery.