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Public Certification Report (PCR) and Final Determination Announcement

American Samoa EEZ albacore and yellowfin tuna longline fishery

ME Certification Ltd. (MEC) announces that the 15 working day period, during which parties could have lodged an intent to object to the Conformity Assessment Body's (CAB's) determination to certify the American Samoa albacore and yellowfin tuna longline fishery, closed on the 21st November 2017.

No formal objections were received and the determination therefore holds. The new certificate will be in effect for 5 years, commencing on 22nd November 2017 and contingent on the fishery successfully completing annual audits of its status against the MSC standard.

The MSC ecolabel may now be applied to catches taken from this fishery after the date of certification, subject to the traceability requirements specified in the Public Certification Report and by those companies with appropriate Chain of Custody certification in place.

The Public Certification Report can be downloaded at the following link:

<https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/american-samoa-eez-albacore-and-yellowfin-longline-fishery/@@assessments>

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