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## **Australian Northern Prawn Fishery**

### **NPF Industry Pty Ltd & WWF**

### **Issuance of Public Certification Report**

### **Marine Stewardship Council Certification**

### **Certification Body: MRAG Americas, Inc.**

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MRAG Americas announces that the Australian Northern Prawn Fishery Final Report and Determination did not receive an objection. The MRAG Americas Certification Committee has determined that the fishery may be certified as sustainable against the MSC standard. The fishery is now certified for a period of five years, subject to successful completion of annual surveillance audits. MRAG has produced a public certification report, available on the MSC website at <http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/in-assessment/pacific/australia-northern-prawn>.

All NPF SFR holders (whether or not they are shareholders of NPF Industry Ltd) fishing off Australia's northern coast in the Northern Prawn Fishery will be eligible to be covered by the proposed MSC fisheries certificate. NPF Industry Ltd has maintained that they may elect to charge non-shareholders for a share of costs associated with maintaining the fisheries certification.

MRAG acknowledges with thanks the participation of all stakeholders during this assessment.

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