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## **ADVISORY – Transition of BC Sockeye Salmon Certification Assessment from SCS to TAVEL Certification.**

In order to expedite the BC Sockeye Salmon MSC assessment, the BC Salmon Marketing Council has requested TAVEL Certification complete the certification process initiated in 2001. This transition has taken place in full consultation with Marine Stewardship Council on matters pertaining to Fisheries Certification Methodology and with Accreditation Services International on matters pertaining to Certification Body accreditation requirements to ensure the integrity of the certification process.

TAVEL Certification will contract the same team members to complete the assessment and will contract the peer reviewers identified by Scientific Certification Services (SCS) to review the draft report prior to public review period.

Due to the lapse of time from the initial scoring of fishery performance in 2005 and changes in the way some aspects of the fisheries are managed, the team will conduct a rescoring of relevant performance indicators to bring the assessment in line with current understanding. The rescoring will consider the existing documentation and the soon to be released independent science review of Skeena sockeye management. Once the rescoring is completed, the draft report will be provided to the peer reviewers together with the rescored performance indicators, extensive input received during the three month public comment period in late 2007.

Upon completion of the peer review, the team will complete any necessary redrafting and a certification recommendation will be made. The final report will then be released to the public domain for the mandatory 30 day comment period.

The remaining steps of the certification process will follow the MSC fisheries certification methodology, version 6.

All subsequent feedback on the BC Sockeye salmon certification process can be sent to Steve Devitt of TAVEL Certification at the following contacts:

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