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ADVISORY – USE OF DEFAULT ASSESSMENT TREE

Northwest Atlantic Canadian Swordfish Longline and Harpoon Fisheries

TAVEL Certification proposes to use the default assessment tree contained within the MSC Fisheries Assessment Methodology Version 1 (FAM v1) in the evaluation of the Northwest Atlantic Canadian swordfish longline and harpoon fisheries against the MSC Principles and Criteria.

TAVEL Certification welcomes any comments on the appropriateness of use of the FAM default performance indicators and/or guideposts in relation to these fisheries. Comments will be accepted during a period of 30 days until **5 pm GMT, May 25, 2009**. Comments should be as specific as possible to individual performance indicators and scoring guideposts, and their potential for scoring these particular fisheries against the MSC fisheries standard.

Further information on the Northwest Atlantic Canadian swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*) longline and harpoon fisheries assessment can be found at <http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/in-assessment/north-west-atlantic/north-west-atlantic-canada-longline-and-harpoon-swordfish>.

Should you wish to obtain further information on the Marine Stewardship Council, this is available on their web site at <http://www.msc.org>.

All feedback on the use of the default Assessment Tree Performance Indicators and Scoring Guideposts can be sent to Amanda Park of TAVEL Certification by **25th May, 2009**. All inquiries about the certification process and participation as a stakeholder may be sent to TAVEL Certification Inc at the following contacts:

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