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Public Comment Draft Report

The SZLC, HNSFC & FZLC Cook Islands EEZ south Pacific albacore longline fishery (Scope extension: The addition of yellowfin and new client groups to the certificate)

MEC Certification Ltd (MEC) is pleased to announce that the Public Comment Draft Report for the above fishery is now available for comment on the MSC website (www.msc.org).

MEC is happy to receive comments from stakeholders on the report at any time during the comment period. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact Gavin Fitzgerald (gavin.fitzgerald@me-cert.com) or Chrissie Sieben (Chrissie.sieben@me-cert.com) at MEC by email, telephone or post at the below number and address:

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The deadline for this consultation is **17:00 GMT on the 23rd January 2017**.

Please note that comments should be factual and should be supported by data or other evidence. Comments may remain unattributed. Furthermore, information that cannot be shared with any other stakeholder will not be referenced in the assessment and cannot be used in determining the outcome of the fishery's assessment nor used as a basis for an objection. Information can be kept confidential if it is restricted to financial transactions about certification, the financial affairs of individual companies or information that may lead to this information being known, or information that is the subject of relevant national privacy or data protection legislation in the assessed fishery's country.