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Stakeholder Consultation

Independent Evaluation of Canada's Halibut Fishery

Assessment Process and Meeting Schedule

The Halibut Fishery off British Columbia is going through an independent assessment under the Marine Stewardship Council in an effort to determine if the fishery complies with the MSC Principles and Criteria and qualifies fishery derived products to carry the MSC ecolabel.

SCS is seeking stakeholder input for this assessment. SCS will be seeking and accepting stakeholder (fishers, conservation groups, government agencies, individuals, etc.) input on any aspect of the certification process and on issues associated with the management of the fishery through 31 December 2004. Input can be provided in writing or through meetings with the SCS assessment team. SCS will be holding meetings with fishery managers and scientists from 6 – 10 December 2004.

Stakeholders interested in providing input during this time should contact Chet Chaffee by phone or email to declare an interest and to arrange to submit information in written or oral form.

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