



**American Albacore Fishing Association (AAFA)
Pacific Albacore Pole & Line and Troll/Jig Fishery
Marine Stewardship Council Certification**

Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd

Announcement of Main Assessment

We are pleased to announce that the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) fishery certification assessment is underway for the AAFA Albacore Pole & Line and Troll/Jig Fishery. This assessment will evaluate this fishery for compliance with the international Standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries produced by the MSC. The certification body contracted to assess this fishery is Moody Marine.

The fishery under assessment is within both the North and South Pacific (these may well be assessed separately as separate stocks). The client for the assessment is the American Albacore Fishing Association, Inc. (AAFA).

Initially, Moody Marine seeks to open a dialogue with all organisations or individuals with a direct interest in this fishery. Anyone wishing to provide comments or information to the assessment process (in terms of the status of the stock, ecosystem interactions or fishery management practices) is invited to contact Moody Marine.

We are also in the process of assembling an assessment team of individuals with experience of stock assessment, ecosystem interactions and fishery management appropriate to this fishery. Any nominations of suitable individuals are also welcomed.

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