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Gulf of California, Mexico Sardines Fishery Nominations for Peer Reviewers of MSC Assessment Report

In partial fulfillment of the MSC requirements for fishery evaluations, Scientific Certification Systems, Inc. (SCS) is posting the names of two potential peer reviewers for the MSC assessment report pertaining to the assessment of the Gulf of California, Mexico Sardine fishery.

1. Dr. Arturo Fabián Eduardo Muhlia Melo, Centro de Investigaciones Biológicas del Noroeste

Dr. Muhlia is an investigative researcher at CIBNOR and holds a Ph.D. from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Dr. Muhlia has been involved in research on fisheries ecology, global climate change and marine fish culture and has published numerous papers in peer reviewed journals. A full C/V can be found by clicking here.

2. Dr. Tim Ward, South Atlantic Research and Development Institute

Dr. Ward is an Associate Professor at SARDI. Dr Ward is currently the Principal Scientist of the Wild Fisheries Program within SARDI Aquatic Sciences. In this role, Dr Ward leads and manages research on all of South Australia's fisheries. Dr. Ward is recognized nationally and internationally for his research on pelagic fish, especially stock assessment of sardine. A partial C/V can be found by clicking here.

Comments on potential peer reviewers will be taken through 1700 PST 26 January 2010. The peer review process will then commence and will be followed by posting of a draft report for public review and comment for 30 days. Following the period for public review and comment, a final report will be posted on the MSC website (www.msc.org) for all interested parties to review.

All comments should be directed to:

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