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Subject: Request for Inseparable or Practically Inseparable (IPI) catches to carry the MSC ecolabel

Dear Andy,

I write with reference to your submission on 4 January 2011 (letter to Andrew Mallison) of a request for MSC approval of a proposal for Inseparable or Practically Inseparable (IPI) catches in the Bering Sea / Aleutian Islands (BSAI) and Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Alaska pollock fisheries to be eligible to enter certified chains of custody and eventually carry the MSC ecolabel. I note that the request was made under the provisions of TAB Directive D-030, which came into force on 6 September 2010 for this and other fisheries.

MSC notes the factors presented in your letter supporting your request. In the case of the BSAI fishery, MSC accepts the rationale put forward and hereby confirms its approval for the Practically Inseparable (PI) catches to be covered by the provisions of TAB Directive D-030. The exemption from paragraphs 6-14 of TAB Directive D-030 is also accepted, given the evidence provided that the proposed PI catches are less than 2% of the total catches in the fishery and that each species is either not being subject to overfishing or is taken in very limited quantities.

In the case of the GOA fishery, I refer also to the clarifying emails and discussions we have had since your 4 January submission. We now understand that at-sea processing is not, in fact, permitted in the GOA and that non-pollock species must be separated from pollock in the GOA onshore processing plants. With this additional information, we now understand that Moody Marine no longer wish to apply the IPI allowances in the GOA fishery, but rather that normal Chain of Custody certification will be sought for GOA pollock-based fish meal to carry the label. In this fishery, subject to on-shore processors receiving Chain of Custody, the fish meal is eligible to enter certified chains of custody and eventually carry the logo without needing an assessment of the IPI catches, provided pollock are fully separated from the other catches before fish meal production begins.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Hoggarth', written in a cursive style.

Dr Daniel Hoggarth

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CC ASI