

MARINE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

IN THE MATTER OF OBJECTIONS TO THE FINAL REPORT ON THE PROPOSED CERTIFICATION OF THE USUFUKU HONTEN NORTHEAST ATLANTIC LONGLINE BLUEFIN TUNA FISHERY UNDER THE MSC PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA FOR SUSTAINABLE FISHING

FIFTH EXTENSION OF CONSULTATION PERIOD

1. Based upon the teleconference of the parties held today, it is apparent that substantial progress is being made but more time is necessary to complete the consultation process. Accordingly, the consultation period is hereby extended for an additional two (2) working days, to and including Wednesday, April 15, 2020.¹ The parties have unanimously agreed to this extension.

2. The parties shall endeavor to exchange as soon as possible any proposed changes to the Client Action Plan and supporting rationales for any re-scoring, and they shall complete all further exchanges of proposals and counter-proposals not later than 5:00 pm British Summer Time on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. The CAB, via the dedicated e-mail address for this proceeding, shall advise, not later than 5:00 pm British Summer Time on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, whether there is agreement in principle and, if so, how long it will take to finalize that agreement in writing. If it appears at that time that there is no agreement, we will then move forward into the next phase of the proceeding.



Eldon V.C. Greenberg
MSC Independent Adjudicator

Dated: April 9, 2020

¹ Friday, April 10, and Monday, April 13, are United Kingdom bank holidays and, pursuant to PD 2.10.1.2 of the Objections Procedure, are therefore excluded in the calculation of the extension period.