

Marine Stewardship Council Surveillance Announcement

Name of Fishery	American Samoa EEZ albacore and yellowfin tuna longline fishery							
Surveillance level and type	<p>Surveillance level 6, on-site surveillance audit.</p> <p>The surveillance is taking place after the certificate anniversary date. The purpose of postponing the site visit is to allow the outcome of the 15th Regular Session of the WCPFC meeting (taking place between 9 – 15th December 2018) to be taken into account as relevant information in this surveillance.</p>							
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	Other (expedited etc.)							
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		<p>Chain of Custody auditor for MEP. She therefore meets the Table PC3 criterion: Understanding of the CoC Standard and CoC Certification Requirements.</p> <p>She is also fluent in English, one of the official languages of the fishery and main stakeholders.</p>
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	On-site or off-site	On-site
	CV	Available on request
Proposed team members		
	Name	Peter Watt
	Areas of responsibility	It is proposed that Peter would have primary responsibility for Principle 3.
		<p>Educated in Canada and living in the Philippines, Peter has over 20 years' fisheries management and development work experience with national governments, regional organizations and private consultancy companies in Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Palau, Tokelau, Tonga, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Kiribati, Federated States of Micronesia, Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands, Marshall Islands, Fiji, New Zealand, Canada, and United States.</p> <p>Peter has authored or co-authored over 30 publications in his field and worked on more than 50 projects and assignments in technical research, marine management and development, technical training and project administration. He developed and established community-based fisheries management arrangements for the Coastal Fisheries Development and Management Project in Papua New Guinea, establishing over twenty fisheries management plans and developing legislation to empower communities to manage their fisheries resources. Prior to this he was the Commercial Fisheries Advisor in Samoa for four years, providing management advice and expertise for the development and management of the tuna longline and other fisheries. This included working with the government and stakeholders to develop and implement a tuna management plan, with related legislation and policies.</p> <p>Other experience also includes rapid resource assessments in the Philippines, Papua New Guinea and Samoa, and conducting stock assessments for the tuna longline fishery</p>

		<p>and outer reef slope assessments for the deep water snapper fishery.</p> <p>Peter has completed the v2.0 online training, meeting the competency requirements in Table PC2, as well as the following team competency criteria in Table PC3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fishery management and operations - Current knowledge of the country, language and local fishery context.
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Audit/review time and location	<p>The audit will take place on 31st January 2019 at the offices of Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (WPRFMC in Honolulu, Hawaii).</p> <p>Time of meeting on request.</p>	
Assessment/ review activities	<p>During the audit, CU Pesca will communicate with the client and any relevant stakeholders and use any available up to date information to assess and review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any changes to the fishery and its management including those to management systems, regulation and relevant personnel; • Any changes to the scientific base of information such as stock assessments; • Performance in relation to any relevant conditions of certification to deem conformity with, progress and performance against a condition; • Any developments or changes within the fishery impact may impact on traceability and the ability to segregate MSC from non-MSC products; • Any other significant changes in the fishery. 	

CU Pesca would like to welcome anyone who would like to participate in the site visit. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact Chrissie Sieben csieben@controlunion.com or Charlotte Gwyther cgwyther@controlunion.com at CU Pesca by email, telephone or post at the below number and address:

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Comments must be made using the [Template for Stakeholder Input into MSC-Assessments](#). Should any stakeholder wish to meet the team in person, this can be arranged. Remote meetings can also be arranged via telephone conferencing or Skype, or written submissions made to the above-mentioned email addresses.

Please note that comments should be factual and should be supported by data or other evidence. Comments may remain unattributed. Furthermore, information that cannot be shared with any other stakeholder will not be referenced in the surveillance report and cannot be used in determining conformity of the fishery with the MSC Standard. Information can be kept confidential if it is restricted to financial transactions about certification, the financial affairs of individual companies or information that may lead to this information being known, or information that is the subject of relevant national privacy or data protection legislation in the assessed fishery's country.

Submitted by: Charlotte Gwyther

Date: 14th December 2018

Deadline for stakeholder comment: 12th January 2019 at 17:00 GMT