

**MSC EVALUATION OF THE
OREGON DUNGENESS CRAB FISHERY
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIRD ANNUAL SURVEILLANCE AUDIT**

The Oregon Dungeness Crab fishery was certified on 1 December 2010. The current surveillance audit will take into account recent developments and monitor progress on the conditions placed on the fishery for continued certification.

The surveillance team from SCS Global Services will be conducting meetings in Portland, Oregon on 20 March 2014. SCS invites all stakeholders to meet with the team and bring forth any issues or concerns about the certification of this fishery. The meeting will include participants such as fishermen, fishery managers, scientists and stakeholders to gain a full understanding of the current state of the fishery.

Unit of Certification under Surveillance	
Species	Dungeness crab (<i>Metacarcinus magister</i>)
Gear	Crab Pots
Geographical Area	State waters off the coast of Oregon
Stock	Pacific Ocean, from Santa Barbara, CA to Unalaska, AK.
Management System	Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife with cooperation from the Tri-State Dungeness Crab Committee
Client Group	Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission

It is a requirement of the MSC program that all certification organizations allow for stakeholder participation in the assessment process. As a result, this notice is to advise any parties (individuals or organizations) interested in providing input, to contact SCS and provide:

- a) your name and contact details;
- b) your association with the fishery; and
- c) the issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation).

As a reminder, information is most useful to the assessment team when it is specific and includes constructive suggestions for improving existing situations. Also, supporting documentary evidence for any issues of concern will be greatly appreciated by the assessment team.

Please contact SCS Global Services by 1700 GMT 19 March 2014.

Information on the MSC standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries is available at www.msc.org

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The surveillance audit will be conducted by Dr. Joe DeAlteris (Team Leader, P1) and supported by a secondary expert, Dr. Sabine Daume (P2, P3) . The surveillance team meets the minimum requirements in the Certification Requirements V4.0 (2014).

Dr. Joseph DeAlteris, Independent Fisheries Consultant- Team Leader and P1

Dr. DeAlteris has an international reputation as an expert in the field of stock assessment and fishing gear technology. He brings intimate knowledge of invertebrate fisheries and has considerable experience in MSC fishery evaluations. Dr. DeAlteris has worked with SCS on the full assessment of the Louisiana blue crab and Atlantic deep sea red crab, and the pre-assessments and full assessments of other crab and finfish fisheries in the northwest Atlantic and northeastern Pacific regions. He has previously worked with other conformity assessment bodies conducting pre-assessments and assessment report reviews. He recently retired from the University of Rhode Island (URI) in May of 2012, and was awarded Professor Emeritus status. In 30 years of service to URI he has taught course work, conducted research, and developed outreach programs in fisheries conservation engineering, fish population dynamics and quantitative ecology, and shellfish aquaculture. He mentored more than 40 graduate students completing MS and PhD degrees. He has served on numerous government committees including the National Research Council. He has had more than 35 publications in peer-reviewed journals, and his 2010 paper co-authored a paper with a former graduate student entitled: “A simulation study of the effects of spatially complex population structure on Gulf of Maine cod” was selected as the best paper of the year by the American Fisheries Society in the North American Journal of Fisheries Management. He has also authored and co-authored numerous books, manuals, non-referred articles, and technical reports.

Dr. Sabine Daume, SCS Global Services – P2 and P3

Dr. Daume is responsible for leading SCS’s Sustainable Seafood Certification program, which includes both fishery and chain of custody certification under the auspices of the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC), using the MSC methodology and standards. Dr. Daume has been involved and/ or led numerous pre and full assessments as well as surveillance audits. Dr. Daume is a marine biologist with special expertise in the biology and ecology of exploited marine resources. She has over 10 years’ experience working closely with the fishing and aquaculture industry in Australia. In her role as the Senior Research Scientist at the Department of Fisheries in Western Australia, she led research projects related to fishery and fisheries habitats of temperate and tropical invertebrate species. Dr. Daume is also a certified lead auditor under

the International Standard Organization (ISO) 90011:2008 certification requirement. She was on the original assessment team of the Oregon Dungeness Crab Fishery at the later part of the assessment.