

Marine Stewardship Council Surveillance Announcement

Name of Fishery	AAFA and WFOA North Pacific albacore tuna pole & line and troll/jig fishery			
	AAFA and WFOA South Pacific albacore tuna troll/jig fishery			
Surveillance level and type	Level	6	Type	On-site
	Any changes in surveillance activity since PCDR / previous surveillance report		The fisheries were re-certified on 21 st December 2012. The first annual audit was varied until March 2013 owing to availability of key stakeholders. This audit is expected to take place in March 2015 and it is intended, unless otherwise notified, that this cycle will continue for the remainder of the certification.	
Surveillance number	1st Surveillance	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	2nd Surveillance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	3rd Surveillance	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	4th Surveillance	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Other (expedited etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Proposed Team Leader	Name	Rob Blyth Skyrme		
	Areas of responsibility	Principle 2		
	Competency criteria fulfilment details	Rob was the lead assessor/auditor for the re-assessment and 1 st surveillance audit		
	Onsite?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Offsite?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed team members <i>[remove if not applicable]</i>	Surveillance team member 2			
	Name	Mike Laurs		
	Competency criteria fulfilment details	Mike was a team member for the re-assessment and also for the 1 st surveillance audit.		
	Onsite?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Offsite?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Surveillance team member 3			
	Name	N/A		
	Competency criteria fulfilment details			
	Onsite?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Offsite?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Audit/review time and location	The audits are likely to take place in March 2015. The date for the on-site visit will be posted at least 30 days beforehand.			

Assessment/ review activities

Meetings with the client and key stakeholders will take place. The audit will include a review of:

- a. Changes to the fishery and its management;
- b. Performance in relation to any relevant conditions of certification;
- c. Any developments or changes within the fishery which impact traceability and the ability to segregate MSC from non-MSC products; and
- d. Any other significant changes in the fishery.

IFC would like to encourage all stakeholders with an interest in this fishery to contact the lead assessor at rob@ichthysmarine.com either to submit comments for consideration by the surveillance team or to ask to speak with the surveillance team directly. If you would like to do this please let us know as soon as possible so that we may schedule a suitable time and venue for this.

It should be noted that we are using the new surveillance process as set out in the MSC Certification Requirements version 2 for this annual audit.

Submitted by: Paul Knapman

Date: 21 December 2014

Appendix 1: Surveillance Team

Jo Akroyd. Lead Assessor

Jo is a fisheries management and marine ecosystem consultant with extensive international and Pacific experience. She has worked at senior levels in both the public and private sector as a fisheries manager and marine policy expert. Jo was with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in New Zealand for 20 years. Starting as a fisheries scientist, she was promoted to senior chief fisheries scientist, then Fisheries Management Officer, and the Assistant Director, Marine Research. She was awarded a Commemoration Medal in 1990 in recognition of her pioneering work in establishing New Zealand's fisheries quota management system. Among her current contracted activities, she is involved internationally in fishery certification of offshore, inshore and shellfish fisheries as Fisheries Management Specialist and Lead Assessor for the Intertek Moody Marine audit team. She has carried out the Marine Stewardship Councils' (MSC) certification assessment for sustainable fisheries. Examples include NZ (hoki, southern blue whiting, albacore, scallops), Fiji (longline albacore) Japan (pole and line tuna, flatfish, snowcrab, scallops), China (scallops) Antarctica (Ross sea tooth fishery).

Kevin McLoughlin:

Kevin McLoughlin is a specialist fisheries consultant who previously worked with the Australian Bureau of Rural Sciences as a Senior Fisheries Scientist engaged in a wide range of international and domestic fisheries issues, with close links to Government policy. Responsibilities included production of BRS Fishery Status Reports which have had a major influence on the direction of Australia's fisheries management and policy. Responsibilities required a high level of interaction with policy and industry clients, and with international organizations. He represented BRS on many committees and groups such as the Australian Fisheries Management Authority's fishery assessment groups (including southern shark, scallop, northern prawn, western tuna), the Australian Shark Implementation Group for the National Plan of Action for Sharks and others. From 2005 to 2008 he was Chair of the Department of Environment and Heritage National Shark Recovery Group. Mr McLoughlin represented Australia on scientific issues at the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission and as Chair of their Working Party on Bycatch, and led Australia's delegation to 2006 scientific meetings of the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna. Kevin has carried out MSC certification for sustainable fisheries for the Fiji longline albacore fishery and has undertaken surveillance audits for the New Zealand albacore tuna fishery