

MSC EVALUATION OF THE WPSTA WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC SKIPJACK AND YELLOWFIN FREE SCHOOL PURSE SEINE FISHERY

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL REPORT AND DETERMINATION

The Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) process for independently evaluating the fishery above is moving forward in the Assessment Process. The assessment team has reviewed all comments on the report and supporting documentation and has determined that the fishery meets the MSC requirements for a well-managed and sustainable fishery.

This is not the certification decision. The determination is now open for a final objection period no less than 15 working days. Any stakeholder that has participated in the assessment thus far may lodge an objection on the positive determination.

The MSC has prescribed procedures for fishery certification objection as well as a special form for stakeholders to lodge the objection. These and supporting documents may be found on the MSC website by following the link below: <http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders>

Please contact SCS and the MSC by 1700 GMT May 24th, 2018, if you or your organization objects to the determination that the fishery meets the requirements for a well-managed and sustainable fishery.

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

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