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Marine Stewardship Council Surveillance Announcement

Name of Fishery	New Zealand Hoki	
Surveillance level and type	Level 6 - Onsite	
Surveillance number (tick one)	1st Surveillance	
	2nd Surveillance	
	3rd Surveillance	
	4th Surveillance	✓
	Other (expedited etc)	
Proposed Team Leader	<p>Jo Akroyd (P3) 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 Fisheries Certification audit team. She has carried out the Marine Stewardship Council's (MSC) certification assessment for sustainable fisheries. Examples include New Zealand (hoki, southern blue whiting, albacore, scallops), Fiji (longline albacore) Japan (pole and line tuna, flatfish, snowcrab, scallops), China (scallops), and Antarctica (Ross Sea tooth fishery).</p>	
Proposed team members [remove if not applicable]	<p>Rob Blyth-Skyrme (P2) Rob has broad fisheries and environmental science, management and policy knowledge, having gained over nearly 20 years of postgraduate work in the marine field. Rob previously led the marine fisheries and aquaculture work of Natural England, the UK Government's statutory advisor on nature conservation in England. Rob has also worked as Deputy Chief Fishery Officer for the Eastern Sea Fisheries Joint Committee, co-managing the activities of a staff of 16 Fishery Enforcement, Research and Environment Officers. He has been involved in assessing numerous MSC fisheries, including the Western Australia scalefish assessments and Pacific tuna fisheries.</p> <p>Graham Pilling (P1 – Offsite) Currently a senior fisheries scientist at the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Graham has over nineteen years' experience working in tropical, temperate and polar marine and freshwater ecosystems, gaining in depth experience in the practical assessment and</p>	

	management of pelagic and demersal fisheries through a wide range of methodologies, and the provision of scientific advice to fisheries managers around the world. Fisheries studied include industrial tuna fisheries and artisanal reef fisheries in the tropics and Arabian Gulf. The impacts of anthropogenic influences such as oil spill events and climate change on fish stocks and fisheries have been examined. Graham has designed and developed models to simulate the long-term impacts of uncertainty in stock biology and assessments on fisheries management, and methods to assess and manage data poor fisheries. He has also reviewed international biological stock assessments for scientific rigor. Chair of STECF SGMED (2008) and FAO GFCM stock assessment meetings for assessment of demersal species within the Mediterranean Sea (2008 and 2009), and chair of the FAO meeting on data poor fisheries (2010). Member of a large number of Marine Stewardship Council accreditation teams assessing fisheries for sustainability against the MSC principles. Has played a key role at international commissions in tropical and polar regions. His work has contributed significantly to the institutional strengthening of fisheries institutions in the tropics.
Audit/review time and location	The surveillance audits will be held in Wellington, New Zealand on 21 st -23 rd November 2016.
Assessment/review activities	All relevant data, progress on the Client Action Plan and progress on the 3 open conditions.

Stakeholder Comment

We expect to conduct any meetings as required during week commencing 21st November 2016 in Wellington, New Zealand. We may be able to meet with stakeholders as appropriate. If you would like to talk to the assessors, please advise us of your interest by **7th November 2016**, giving the following:

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

Submitted by: Polly Burns

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Appendix 1: Surveillance frequency

Table 4.1 : Surveillance level rationale

Year	Surveillance activity	Number of auditors	Rationale
4	Onsite	2 onsite with 1 offsite	Composition of assessment team is appropriate considering the fishery has no open conditions.

Table 4.2: Timing of surveillance audit

Year	Anniversary date of certificate	Proposed date of surveillance audit	Rationale
4	25 th September 2016	21-23 rd November 2016	Suitable time for stakeholders and allows effective consolidation of similar fisheries' audits in the region.

Table 4.3: Fishery Surveillance Program

Surveillance Level	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Level 6	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite	Onsite