

**MSC EVALUATION OF THE  
HOKKAIDO FALL SET NET CHUM FISHERY  
UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2<sup>ND</sup> ONSITE AND INFORMATION GATHERING**

The Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) process for independently evaluating the fishery above is moving forward in the Assessment Process. The team will be reviewing the results of the most recent fishing season surveys to account for the new information. The provisional timing of the site visit is 15 January, 2013 in Sapporo, Hokkaido Japan. SCS also 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	
<b>Species</b>	<i>Oncorhynchus keta</i>
<b>Geographical Area</b>	Kitami province, Hokkaido, Japan within 3.05 km from shore
<b>Stock</b>	Chum salmon caught in the set net fishery
<b>Gear Type</b>	North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC) in conjunction with the government of Hokkaido. Harvest control based on escapement projections using the Constant Escapement Strategy (CES).
<b>Management System</b>	Hokkaido Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations
<b>Client Group</b>	<i>Oncorhynchus keta</i>

It is a requirement of the MSC program that all certification organizations allow for stakeholder participation in the assessment process. 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 by 1700 GMT 14 January, 2013.

Information on the MSC standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries is available at [www.msc.org](http://www.msc.org)

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