

*****ADVISORY*****

US North Pacific Sablefish

Assessment Team Proposed for Reassessment

Three independent scientists are proposed to work along with Scientific Certification Systems, Inc. (SCS) to assess whether the US North Pacific Sablefish Fishery remains in compliance with the Marine Stewardship Council's (MSC) Principles and Criteria for sustainable fisheries management.

All stakeholders are now invited to provide any comments on the suitability or otherwise of any of the nominees. We would, however, ask for any comments by **31 May 2010** prior to continuing the assessment process. These should be sent to Jason Swecker at:

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SCS has nominated the following persons:

Dr Steven Martell – Assistant Professor, University of British Columbia

Dr. Martell earned his Ph.D. in fisheries science in 2002 from the University of British Columbia. He brings expertise in fisheries stock assessment, modelling, and devising sustainable harvest strategies. The objective of his research is to better understand of the ecology of harvested species and how to better manage exploitation of natural marine and freshwater systems. He has a special interest in designing monitoring programs, adaptive management experiments, computer models and statistical tools for better understanding the dynamics of natural populations and developing harvest policies that are robust to uncertainties.

Dr. Timothy Essington – Associate Professor, University of Washington

Dr. Essington earned his Ph.D. in zoology in 1999 from the University of Wisconsin. His research focuses on food web interactions involving fish in marine, estuarine, and freshwater habitats. He brings expertise in a wide range of marine ecosystems: from high seas pelagic systems to the inland seas of Puget Sound with a quantitative emphasis, involving modeling and statistical analysis of complex data sets. He is also a principal scientist with the Climate Impacts Group; in this capacity, he leads work that aims to better understand the consequences of climate change on regional fishery ecosystems.

Dr. Jon Sutinen – Professor Emeritus, University of Rhode Island

Dr. Sutinen earned his Ph.D. in economics in 1973 from the University of Washington. He is a Professor Emeritus of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics at the University of Rhode Island. His area of expertise is fisheries economics, and his primary research interests are fisheries management and regulation. During the past 30 years, he has conducted extensive research in three thematic areas: (1) compliance and enforcement in fisheries, (2) the design of markets and other institutional arrangements for tradable fishing allowances, and (3) the political economics of fisheries governance. He brings extensive experience advising and assisting government agencies and stakeholder groups, in the US and abroad in the areas of his expertise.

to work alongside,

Dr. Sabine Daume – Scientific Certification Systems (SCS)

Dr Sabine 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 lead numerous pre and full assessments, including the West Australia Rock Lobster fishery; Mexican Spiny Rock Lobster Fishery, Mexican Sardine fishery; Australian Icefish fishery; the Australian Lakes & Coroong fishery and the North Pacific Halibut fishery and the North Pacific Sablefish (Black Cod) fishery. In addition Dr Daume has been trained by the MSC to use the Risk Based Framework (RBF) of the new Fisheries Assessment Methodology (FAM v.2 2009) for data deficient fisheries.

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 very 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 lead research projects related to fishery and fisheries habitats of temperate and tropical invertebrate species.