

MARINE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

IN THE MATTER OF AN OBJECTION TO THE FINAL DRAFT REPORT AND DETERMINATION ON THE PROPOSED CERTIFICATION OF THE EASTERN PACIFIC ECUADOR PURSE SEINE TROPICAL TUNA FISHERY (FSC AND FAD SET FISHERY) UNDER THE MSC STANDARD FOR SUSTAINABLE FISHING

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF INITIAL CONSULTATION PERIOD

The initial consultation period in these proceedings is scheduled to expire at 16:00 UTC on October 26, 2022. On October 6, 2022, the Conformity Assessment Body (the “CAB”) requested that, due to personal circumstances, the consultation period be extended until November 13 or 14, 2022.

The MSC Paralegal informed the parties on that same day that the IA will be on leave from the 1 – 12 November 2022. On 7 October 2022, the CAB requested given the time constraints that the consultation be extended until November 14, 2022. The objectors and fishery client have concurred in this request. In light of the representations of the CAB, the agreement of the objectors and fishery client and the relatively brief period of the requested extension, I am prepared to agree the extension.

Accordingly, the initial consultation period is hereby extended to and including November 14, 2022. The parties are asked to notify me again of the status of consultations by 16:00 UTC on that date.

Melanie Carter
MSC Independent Adjudicator

Dated: October 11, 2022