

*****ADVISORY*****

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN OCTOPUS FISHERY

Update to Fishery Assessment Timeline & Announcement of Additional Stakeholder Input

In accordance with Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Fishery Certification Requirements, stakeholders and interested parties are informed that there is available an updated timeline for the fishery currently under assessment. The updated timeline may be found on the MSC website at www.msc.org.

The fishery assessment timeline is updated to account for: Additional time required to respond to the peer reviewer's comments on the assessment.

With the timeline update, the period from full assessment announcement to the receipt of the Public Comment Draft Report by the MSC exceeds 9 months. For this reason, SCS Global Services (SCS) invites stakeholders and interested parties to provide any additional input or new information to the assessment of the Western Australian octopus fishery under the MSC standard.

The assessment team will consider new information for the assessment as it becomes available.

At the same time SCS invites all stakeholders to bring forth any issues or concerns about the certification of this fishery. The additional stakeholder input period is for 30 days from the day this announcement is posted.

Comments and inquiries regarding fisheries assessments may be directed to:

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