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New Zealand albacore tuna troll

MSC Surveillance Announcement

5th November

1 Marine Stewardship Council surveillance announcement

Table 1 – Surveillance announcement

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3	Date certified	Date of expiry														
	16 May 2011 – Re-certified 13 February 2017	13 Aug 2022														
4	Surveillance level and type															
	Level 3 – Off-site surveillance audit This was originally planned as On-site surveillance audit & re-certification site visit but due to Covid-19 it has been moved off-site.															
5	Surveillance number															
	4th Surveillance	X														
6	Proposed team leader															
	<p>Assessment team leader: Jo Akroyd Primarily responsible for assessment under Principle 3.</p> <p>Jo has over 30 years' experience in marine fisheries policy, research, management and governance. She has extensive international and Pacific experience and has worked at senior levels in both the public and private sectors in these roles. 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 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</p>															

	<p>system. As well as carrying out general fisheries consultancy since 1994 she has undertaken all facets of MSC work as a lead assessor, expert team member and peer reviewer across a wide range of fisheries. Jo has completed the MSC v1.3, v2.0, v2.1 and v2.2 training modules including for enhanced fisheries, Risk based framework and traceability. She is a member of the MSC's Peer Review College.</p> <p>MSC projects include Team Leader for the AGAC four oceans Integral Purse Seine Tropical Tuna Fishery (yellowfin, bigeye and skipjack tunas), Team Leader and Fisheries Management expert for New Zealand fisheries, (hoki, hake, ling, southern blue whiting, albacore and skipjack), Fiji (albacore, yellowfin and bigeye tuna), Japan (scallops, skipjack and yellowfin), China (scallops, flounder and snowcrab), Maldives (skipjack), Ross Sea (toothfish), West Papua (skipjack and yellowfin). She has conducted multi species pre-assessments in Japan, China, Viet Nam and New Zealand and provided independent Peer review reports for tuna, scallops and prawn fisheries in various countries.</p>
Team Leader Experience	Jo has completed a number of MSC assessment as TL and meets all Fishery TL Qualification and Competency Criteria under MSC FCP v2.2 Table PC1 and MSC GCR v2.4.1 Table 1. Jo has undertaken MSC training requirements and has no Conflict of Interest in relation to this fishery. Full CV available on request.
7	Proposed team members
	<p>Expert team member: Kevin McLoughlin Primarily responsible for assessment under Principle 1 and 2.</p> <p>Kevin McLoughlin is a specialist fisheries consultant based in Australia with more than 30 years' experience across a wide range of domestic and international fisheries science issues. Kevin's experience in working on MSC assessments spans over 10 years.</p> <p>As a fisheries scientist with the Australian Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Kevin represented the Australian Government on many committees and groups such as fishery assessment groups, providing advice on a diverse range of fisheries and species (including tuna, shark, various finfish, scallop and prawn). Work in assessment groups involved assessment of target species, development of bycatch action plans and ecological risk assessments. Mr McLoughlin was responsible for the production of annual status reports for Australian government-managed fisheries for a number of years. Mr. McLoughlin was also Australia's delegate on scientific issues at the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission and was Chair of the IOTC Working Party on Bycatch for several years.</p> <p>Mr McLoughlin has worked predominantly on Principle 1 aspects of MSC assessments but has also undertaken Principle 2 and 3 work, as well as peer review, surveillance audits and pre-assessments for several fisheries. Kevin was a team member for the full assessment of the Fiji tuna longline fishery (P1 & P2); the New Zealand Albacore Fishery (P1 & P2); the New Zealand Skipjack Fishery (P1 & P2); the Parties to the Nauru Agreement Western and Central Pacific Skipjack and Yellowfin purse seine fishery (P1 & P2); the Tri Marine Western and Central Pacific Skipjack and Yellowfin Tuna Fishery (P2 & P3). He was also a member for the full assessment of Australia's blue grenadier fishery (P1); Australia's Northern Prawn Fishery (P1); Western Australia's Exmouth Gulf and Shark Bay prawn trawl fisheries (P1); and South Australia's Spencer Gulf prawn trawl fishery (P1).</p> <p>Kevin has passed MSC training and has no Conflict of Interest in relation to this fishery. Full CV available upon request.</p>
Local Context	Both Jo and Kevin have had assignments in the region in the last 10 years.
Traceability	Jo has completed the MSC traceability module in the last five years.

RBF	Jo has completed the RBF training in the last five years.
8	Audit/review time and location
	Off-site (remote) audit on the week commencing 6 th December 2021.
9	Assessment and review activities
	All relevant data, progress on the Client Action Plan and progress on the two open conditions.

Stakeholder Comment

If you would like to speak with the assessment team, please contact LR before the audit date so we can organise conference call facilities. If you would like to submit comments for the team to review, please use the [Stakeholder Input form](#) and submit to fisheries-ca@lr.org

Please provide your comments **before** the site visit date (17.00 UTC on the 5th December 2021) or at least let us know you will be providing input so we can plan accordingly.

The MSC provide guidance and templates for stakeholder contribution which can be found here:

<https://www.msc.org/what-you-can-do/engage-with-a-fishery-assessment>

Submitted by: Ylva Longva

Date: 5th November 2021

Appendix 1: Summary of CVs of team leader and team member(s) - optional

All CVs are available on request.

Appendix 2: Surveillance frequency - if amended since PCDR

Table 2 – Surveillance level justification

Year	Surveillance activity	Number of auditors	Rationale
4	Off-site surveillance audit	2 assessors attending remotely	This was originally planned as an on-site surveillance, but has been moved off-site due to Covid-19.

Table 3 – Timing of surveillance audit

Year	Anniversary date of certificate	Proposed date of surveillance audit	Rationale
4	13 th August 2021	Week commencing 6 th December 2021	This will be a joint audit with the site visit for the reassessment of the fishery, and the timing is due to team and client availability.

Table 4 – Fishery surveillance program

Surveillance level	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Level 3	Off -site surveillance audit	Off -site surveillance audit	Off -site surveillance audit	On-site surveillance audit & re-certification site visit (Now changed to off-site due to Covid-19)

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