

Dear Stakeholder,

RE: American Samoa EEZ Albacore and Yellowfin Longline Fishery - Change in site visit location

The site visit for the MSC full assessment of the American Samoa EEZ Albacore and Yellowfin Longline Fishery was due to take place in Pago Pago, American Samoa on the 10th to 13th January 2017. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, the MEC assessment team were not able to travel to Pago Pago, for the 10th January 2017.

The site visit is now being held in Honolulu, Hawaii, where the major stakeholders are based and a series of conference calls have been scheduled with the available members of the client group.

Any stakeholder who would like to arrange a face-to-face meeting with a member of the assessment team or would like to submit further comment, can do so by contacting Kat Collinson (kat.collinson@me-cert.com). The assessment team will be based in Honolulu until Friday 13th 2017.

Further details on this fishery can be seen via the MSC's website here: -

<https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/american-samoa-eez-albacore-and-yellowfin-longline-fishery/@@view>

MEC is also happy to receive general comments from stakeholders on this fishery. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact Gavin Fitzgerald (gavin.fitzgerald@me-cert.com) or Kat Collinson (kat.collinson@me-cert.com) at MEC by email, telephone or post at the below number and address:

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Please note that comments should be factual and should be supported by data or other evidence. Comments may remain unattributed. Furthermore, information that cannot be shared with any other stakeholder will not be referenced in the assessment and cannot be used in determining the outcome of the fishery's assessment nor used as a basis for an objection. Information can be kept confidential if it is restricted to financial transactions about certification, the financial affairs of individual companies or information that may lead to this information being known, or information that is the subject of relevant national privacy or data protection legislation in the assessed fishery's country.