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Iturup Island (Russia) Salmon Fishery **Final Report with Certification Decision** **18th August 2009**

SCS is pleased to announce the release of the Final Report with Certification Determination for the Iturup Island salmon fishery.

It is the consensus judgment of the assessment team and the certification committee that the Iturup Island salmon fishery complies with the requirements for achieving MSC certification. It must be noted that this decision is a determination and not the final certification result.

The final report is available at the MSC website at

<http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/in-assessment/pacific/iturup-island-pink-chum-salmon-fishery>

The MSC requires this report be posted for a minimum of 15 working days during which time stakeholders can file a statement of objection to the determination conclusion. Objections can be filed on the grounds of merit (that the stakeholder party lodged written submissions to the certification body during the fishery assessment process, and/or attended stakeholder meetings to which they were invited); or procedure (that the failure of the certification body to follow procedures prevented or impaired the objecting party's earlier participation).

Any stakeholders may file information to support a Merit Objection initially filed by a participating stakeholder.

The MSC objections procedure is fully described on the MSC website at

http://www.msc.org/documents/msc-factsheets/objections.pdf/at_download/file

Any party that meets the criteria must submit a written statement of intent to lodge an objection to Jason Swecker at the contact details below no later than 1700 PST 9 Sept., copy to the MSC Chief Executive.

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