

Dear Drew

I am writing to seek permission under Rule 36 of the Revised Draft Rules of Procedure of the Commission to attend the next meeting scheduled for Pohnpei on 9-16 December.

The Marine Stewardship Council is a non profit accreditation and labelling body (not an environment group) established to support sustainable fisheries by promoting ecolabelled product in the marketplace.

The MSC has had a long interest in seeking certified tuna as there is a growing market demand for tuna labelled as coming from ecologically sustainable fisheries.

The purpose of my attendance would be to meet participants and talk with them about our program as a prelude to us taking a more active involvement in the region in coming years.

Please tell me whether you need more information and I will get this to you as soon as possible.

Regards

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