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MAQ90 – The Squid Finder!

(Ottawa, Canada June 8th 2009) The MAQ90 well know as a great omni sonar for finding Mackerel, Herring, Tuna, Sardine, Anchovy and other pelagic species from up to 900m away, is now being used to find Squid in the day and night time squid fishery on the West Coast of the United States.

In May before the official start of the squid season off the coast of California MAQ installed its new MAQ90 on a 100ft vessel whose primary fisheries were Mackerel, Sardine, Anchovy and Squid. During the sales process the captain indicated that he fished squid in both the day time and night fishery and was wondering if the MAQ could see squid in smaller schools. "We had reports that the new MAQ90 was seeing squid in Europe. Based on its acoustic signature we felt confident that it would work" said Brad Pinch Marketing and Sales Manager for MAQ Sonar. The Sunday after the installation Brad received a voice mail from the customer that simply said "The MAQ 90 sees squid at 1200ft!!"

"I called him back and he indicated that the first day he used the MAQ90 for Squid the average daily catch was about 20 tonnes and he brought in 42 tonnes." Brad said. "We are still working on getting the perfect settings to yield even better results but these results are impressive" Jeff the captain of the Ocean Angel II indicated in a telephone call "One of the features I like about this sonar is that I can save the squid settings and switch between it and another setting when fishing other species. This is a great sonar!"

Skip Harris of Neptune Electronics installed the sonar. "What an easy installation for a high tech piece of gear! Setting it up was very easy." Ernest Cottreau a technical consultant for MAQ and owner of Fundy Marine Electronic assisted in the installation. "It takes about a day for a full installation and test of the Sonar and it fits in a very small area which makes it Ideal for smaller vessels." said Ernest during the install." We install a lot of the bigger 22 KHz in Nova Scotia that have about a 2700m range but these smaller ones are a great for finding fish out at 800m to 900m".

The MAQ90 is a small 90KHz omni sonar that fits into any sea-chest that is 7.5 inch inside diameter or bigger. It comes with either an 18 inch short stroke hoist for small vessels or a full sized 36 inch stoke hoist. Easy to operate with all the feature you would expect from an Omni sonar 3 times its price!!! MAQ Sonar: Spend Less... Catch More!

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