



NOTIFICATION TO STAKEHOLDERS

23TH OF JULY 2015

CANTABRIAN SEA PURSE SEINE ANCHOVY FISHERY

(COFRADIA SAN MARTIN DE LAREDO &
FEDERACION DE COFRADIAS DE GUIPUZCOA & VIZCAYA)

MARINE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL CERTIFICATION
CERTIFICATION BODY: BUREAU VERITAS CERTIFICATION

BUREAU VERITAS Certification find it necessary to clarify the information regarding eligible fishers that appears in the PCR.

The PCR sets that *the boats registered in the Caladero Nacional del Cantábrico y Noroeste (North-East Cantabrian National Fishing Grounds), and which comply with Order AAA/1307/2013, of 1 July, (..) are eligible vessels and therefore fishermen for this full assessment.* Indeed the client considered this possibility and left the certificate open to entry to those boats on completion of the assessment process as long as a compliant result is achieved. The Certificate sharing was published in the MSC website in August 2014.

The eligible fishers described above were not fully assessed against the MSC's Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing as part of the Unit of Certification; therefore they could not be defined as eligible fishers. For this reason, **the CAB together with the client decided to close the Certificate Sharing.**

BUREAU VERITAS Iberia therefore wants to clarify the Unit of Certification of the certified species as below:

<p>Stock: ICES area VIII</p> <p>Fishing area: Bay of Biscay-South Division VIII. FAO 27</p> <p>Fishing method/gear: Purse seine</p> <p>Fleets: 58 purse seine vessels from the Cofradía San Martín de Laredo & from the federations called: Federación de Cofradías de Guipuzcoa & Vizcaya</p> <p>Fishing management: European commission, ICES</p> <p>No Other Eligible fishers</p>

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