

## **Change of Team Leader / additional team member**

### **Scottish Fisheries Sustainable Accreditation Group (SFSAG) Rockall haddock**

ME Certification Ltd (MEC) would like to inform stakeholders that Dr. Hugh Jones will be joining the SFSAG Rockall haddock MSC assessment team and will be attending the site visit in Aberdeen from 28<sup>th</sup> February to 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017. Hugh will take over as Team Leader for this assessment and will be responsible for ensuring that the Version 2 Certification Requirements are being met at every stage of the assessment process.

Dr Robin Cook, Dr. Jo Gascoigne and Geir Hønneland will continue to be responsible for Principle 1, 2 and 3 respectively and will all be attending the site visit.

#### **Dr. Hugh Jones**

Dr Hugh Jones has a broad background in fisheries research including stock assessments, publications and reports on fishery ecotoxicology, environmental risk assessments and harvest strategies. Prior to joining MEC he was employed by the University of Tasmania as a fisheries scientist in the development of an empirical harvest strategy for the commercial abalone fisheries and fisheries stock assessments of estuarine bivalves. This included work on population metrics (recruitment, growth), harvest dynamics (catch rates, market selectivity), and the use of fine scale geo-spatial techniques as performance measures to assess stock sustainability. He is a contributing author to the Status of Australian Fish Stocks for Tasmanian Fisheries. Hugh is currently employed as a Fisheries Assessment Manager with MEC.

A full CV for Dr. Hugh Jones is available on the MSC's website.

MEC is happy to receive comments from stakeholders on this change or on the assessment of this fishery. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact Gavin Fitzgerald ([gavin.fitzgerald@me-cert.com](mailto:gavin.fitzgerald@me-cert.com)) at MEC by email, telephone or post at the below number and address:

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