



Osprey Trawlers North Sea twin rigged plaice fishery

MSC Certification Certification Body: Intertek Moody Marine

Year 3 Surveillance Audit

Following certification of this fishery, we are now continuing the process of annual surveillance audits of the fishery. These audits have two principal functions:

1. To review any changes in the management of the fishery, including regulations, key management or scientific staff, or stock evaluation
2. To evaluate the progress of the fishery against any Conditions of Certification raised during the Main Assessment

During the audit, or at separate meetings, we shall be speaking with representatives of the fishery and fishery management organisations. We expect to carry out meetings on **19th September**. Meetings will be held in **the Netherlands** and attended by Audit Team members

The surveillance audit will be carried out by a mix of original and replacement assessment team members

Rod Cappel	Coordinator / LA/P3	On site
Mike Pawson	P2	On site
Richard Milner	P1	Conducting work remotely

(see details of the team membership below).

Should you have any information on this fishery that you feel should be considered in the assessment, please advise us. We may be available to meet with stakeholders as appropriate. If you would like to arrange a meeting, please advise us of:

- a) your name and contact details
- b) your association with the fishery
- c) the issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation)
- d) where and when you would like to meet

Please respond with the above details by 17.00 GMT on **4th September** at the latest.

Yours

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Audit Team members:

Richard Milner (Principle 1)

Richard was on the original Osprey assessment team and involved with previous surveillance audits. He also assessed the CVO North Sea Plaice and Sole fisheries. Richard is a fisheries biologist with 34 years experience working for the UK government as an advisor on fish stocks. He has wide experience of flat fish and inshore fisheries around the UK. He has been a member of ICES working groups on flatfish and demersal stocks in the North Sea and was chairman of the ICES Beam Trawl Survey Working Group. He has carried out MSC peer reviews on a number of fisheries assessments including Hastings trammel and trawl fisheries for sole and twin-rig trawling for plaice in the North Sea. He has published on flatfish fisheries and the biology and growth of flatfish.

Mike Pawson (Principle 2)

Mike was involved in the previous Osprey & Ekofish surveillance audits and assessed the CVO North Sea Plaice and Sole fisheries and has a wealth of experience on North Sea fisheries.

Mike Pawson recently retired as senior fisheries advisor at Cefas, Lowestoft, after 39 years carrying out biological research and providing scientific advice to Defra, the EC and other national and international organisations on fish stock abundance (marine teleosts, elasmobranchs, salmonids and eels), technical conservation measures and fisheries management regulations, and on related monitoring, sampling, survey and research programmes. Between 1974 and 1980, he initiated and led acoustic surveys for blue whiting and mackerel, in L. Turkana, Kenya, and trawl surveys in the North Sea (1975-1979), and then spent 1 year working as an UNESCO Expert in Ichthyology in Tripoli, Libya. From 1980 to 1990, Mike designed and managed MAFF's coastal fisheries programme, implementing biological sampling, trawl surveys, a fishermen's logbook scheme and socio-economic evaluation of sea bass fisheries, and between 1990 and 2000 he led the Cefas Western demersal team. Mike has provided scientific evaluation, quality assurance and advice to several national and EC-funded projects on fisheries biology, monitoring and assessment, and one of his major roles over the last 15 years has been peer-reviewing papers, reports and manuscripts in preparation. All of Mike's work has been published in refereed Journals, in ICES and EC working group reports, and in contract reports.

Rod Cappell (Lead auditor, Principle 3)

Rod Cappell was in the original assessment team for Osprey North Sea Twin Rigged Plaice and conducted the previous Osprey surveillance audits. He also conducted the Ekofish surveillance audits and assessed the CVO North Sea Plaice and Sole. Rod is a fisheries management consultant with over 18 years experience in European fisheries. He has a degree in Marine Biology, MSc in Marine Resource Development and a postgraduate certificate in Environmental Economics. Rod is currently working in several areas of European and UK fisheries management including European Commission Regulatory Impact Assessments. Rod has been involved with a number of MSC assessments including English Channel and North Sea flatfish fisheries, which has involved consultation with key stakeholders in the UK and the Netherlands.

Full CVs of team members are available on request from IMM

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