AquaCulture Initiative
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC INTEREST GROUPING

Statement of the Aquaculture Initiatives Policy on Certificate Sharing Arrangements for the Northern Ireland Bottom Grown Mussel Fishery.

The Aquaculture Initiative EEIG confirms its willingness to share the certificate for MSC certification of the Northern Ireland Bottom Grown Mussel Fishery, including any further potential extension of the scope of that certificate.

Mussels will be eligible for marketing with reference to the certificate, provided the mussels are supplied and/or sold by members of the client grouping and/or authenticated certificate sharers.

Any holders of Bottom Grown Mussel licenced sites and/or seed mussel allocations and /or processors and/or traders of this species derived from the above fishery are invited to apply to BIM for the sharing of the certificate.

Applicants will be eligible to enter into certificate sharing agreement with BIM on the basis of;

1. Reciprocal access to other certificates
2. Equitable sharing of internal and external costs incurred due to the assessment processes and
3. Full compliance with the MSC Fisheries Standards and Certification Requirements, including any conditions and recommendations set for the certification and any subsequent programs of corrective actions to address such conditions and recommendations

On behalf of the Aquaculture Initiative

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