

MSC Fishery Announcement

# «GELA» LTD NORTH EAST ARCTIC COD, HADDOCK, AND SAITHE

**NEW TEAM LEADER AND SITE VISIT TIMING**

Marine Stewardship Council fisheries assessments

19 October 2021

## Marine Stewardship Council fishery announcement

**Table 1 – Fishery announcement**

1	Fishery name	
	«GELA» Ltd North East Arctic cod, haddock, and saithe	
2	Assessment number	
	Initial assessment	
3	Reduced reassessment (Yes/No)	
	NA	
4	Statement that the fishery is within scope	
	<p>The fisheries meet the scope requirements of FCP v2.2 section 7.4.2 &amp; 7.12:</p> <p>7.4.2.1: The fisheries do not target, under principle 1, amphibians, reptiles, birds or mammals.</p> <p>7.4.2.2: The fisheries do not use poisons or explosives.</p> <p>7.4.2.3: The fisheries are not conducted under a controversial unilateral exemption to an international agreement.</p> <p>7.4.2.4: The fisheries client has not been prosecuted for forced or child labour violation in the last 2 years.</p> <p>7.4.2.10: The fisheries client or client group does not include an entity that has been convicted for a shark finning violation in the last 2 years.</p> <p>7.4.2.11: The fisheries have mechanisms for resolving disputes.</p> <p>7.4.2.12: The fisheries are not enhanced fisheries.</p> <p>7.4.2.13: The fisheries are not introduced species-based fisheries.</p> <p>7.12: The fishery is within the scope of the MSC Fisheries Standard.</p>	
5	Units of Assessment (UoAs)	
	<b>UoA 1</b>	Description
	Species	Cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> )
	Stock	Cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> ) in subareas 1 and 2 (Northeast Arctic)
	Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Bottom trawl
	Client group	All vessels of «GELA» Ltd. Vessels per 13.07. 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M-0228 “Proekt”</li> <li>• MK-0542 “Proekt-1”</li> <li>• MK-0369 “Martha Arendsee”</li> </ul>
	Other eligible fishers	NA
	Geographical area	<p><b>FAO area:</b> 27</p> <p><b>Common name of the body of water:</b> North East Atlantic</p> <p><b>Local fisheries management area:</b> Norway Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) (ICES IIa2, IIb2), Russian Federation EEZ (ICES Ib), Svalbard FPZ (IIb2) and NEAFC/Loophole (ICES Ia)</p> <p><b>Stock region:</b> ICES Sub-areas I and II</p>

	<b>UoA 2</b>	Description
	Species	Haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> )
	Stock	Haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> ) in subareas 1 and 2 (Northeast Arctic)
	Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Bottom trawl
	Client group	All vessels of «GELA» Ltd. Vessels per 13.07. 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M-0228 “Proekt”</li> <li>• MK-0542 “Proekt-1”</li> <li>• MK-0369 “Martha Arendsee”</li> </ul>
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	<b>UoA 3</b>	Description
	Species	Saithe ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )
	Stock	Saithe ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> ) in subareas 1 and 2 (Northeast Arctic)
	Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	Bottom trawl
	Client group	All vessels of «GELA» Ltd. Vessels per 13.07. 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M-0228 “Proekt”</li> <li>• MK-0542 “Proekt-1”</li> <li>• MK-0369 “Martha Arendsee”</li> </ul>
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6	Certificate sharing statement	
	The only eligible companies/vessels are those listed above. There is no certificate sharing.	
7	Name of proposed team leader – <b>REVISED</b>	
	<p><b>Jodi Bostrom (team leader, Principle 2, and traceability)</b> is a senior assessor and team leader for MSC Fisheries at DNV Business Assurance. She earned an M.Sc. in Environmental Science from American University and a B.Sc. in Zoology from the University of Wisconsin. She has over six years of experience in MSC fisheries assessment services. Prior to that, she worked for five years at the MSC as a Senior Fisheries Assessment Manager. Among other things, she developed the MSC’s benthic habitats policy and the Consequence Spatial Analysis (a risk-based framework for assessing habitat impacts in data-deficient situations) as part of the MSC Standard revision. Prior to the MSC, Jodi spent 11 years with the US National Academy of Sciences’ Ocean Studies Board where she worked on various projects from fisheries management and policy to bycatch and dredging impacts to eutrophication and sea level rise.</p>	

	<p>Jodi's qualifications meet the competence criteria defined in Annex PC for the Team Leader and traceability responsible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has a degree in a relevant subject.</li> <li>• Has experience with the MSC fisheries standard.</li> <li>• Has more than three years' experience as team leader.</li> <li>• Passed MSC's online training for fisheries team leader within the last five years.</li> <li>• Passed new versions of the compulsory online training modules.</li> <li>• Meets ISO 19011 training requirements. (GCR v2.4.1 § 6.1.3b-c).</li> <li>• Has experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques.</li> <li>• Has undertaken more than two MSC fisheries assessments/surveillance site visits in the last five years.</li> <li>• Has experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques and is able to effectively communicate with clients and various stakeholder groups.</li> <li>• Has three years' or more experience in research into, policy analysis for, or management of, the impact of fisheries on aquatic ecosystems including at least two of the following topics: Bycatch, Endangered, threatened, or protected (ETP) species, Habitats, Ecosystem interactions.</li> <li>• Is responsible for coordinating the Assessment Team's work and for the completion of the assessment. according to the requirements of FCP 2.2.</li> <li>• Has no conflict of interest in relation to the fisheries under assessment.</li> </ul> <p>Jodi meets the team leader and Principle 2 requirements of FCP v2.2. She will participate in the site visit remotely.</p>
8	Name(s) of proposed team members
	<p><b>Giuseppe Scarcella (Principle 1)</b> is an experienced fishery scientist and population analyst and modeller, with wide knowledge and experience in the assessment of demersal stocks. He holds a first degree in Marine Biology and Oceanography (110/110) from the Università Politecnica delle Marche, and a Ph.D. in marine Ecology and Biology from the same university, based on a thesis "Age and growth of two rockfish in the Adriatic Sea". After his degree, he was offered a job as project scientist in several research programs about the structure and composition of fish assemblage in artificial reefs, off-shore platform and other artificial habitats in the Italian National Research Council – Institute of Marine Science of Ancona (CNRISMAR), now Institute for Biological Resources and Marine Biotechnologies (IRBIM). During the years of employment at CNR-ISMAR first and CNR-IRBIM later he has gained experience in benthic ecology, statistical analyses of fish assemblage evolution in artificial habitats, fisheries ecology and impacts of fishing activities, stock assessment, otholith analysis, population dynamic and fisheries management. Since 2018 Dr. Scarcella is in the permanent staff of CNR-IRBIM as researcher. During the same years, he attended courses of uni-multivariate statistics and stock assessment. He is also actively participating in the scientific advice process of FAO GFCM in the Mediterranean Sea as well as in the European context. He was member of the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries for the European Commission (STECF) from 2012 to 2019 and is chair of the STECF-EWG Assessment of balance indicators for key fleet segments and review of national reports on Member States efforts to achieve balance between fleet capacity and fishing opportunities.</p> <p>He is author of more than 60 scientific paper peer reviewed journals and more than 150 national, and international technical reports, most of them focused on the evolution of fish assemblages in artificial habitats, stock assessment of demersal species and evaluation of fisheries management plans. For some years now, Dr Scarcella has been working in fisheries certification applying the Marine Stewardship Council standard for sustainable fisheries, currently concentrating on Principle 1 of the Standard. Furthermore, Dr Scarcella holds the credential as Fishery team leader (MSC v2.0).</p> <p>Giuseppe was involved in several full assessment and surveillance audit for other fisheries in the Barents Sea as Russia Barents Sea Greenland Halibut (<a href="https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/russia-barents-seagreenland-halibut/@assessments">https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/russia-barents-seagreenland-halibut/@assessments</a>) and Barents Sea cod, haddock and saithe (<a href="https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/barents-sea-cod-haddock-and-saithe/@view">https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/barents-sea-cod-haddock-and-saithe/@view</a>). Giuseppe meets the team member qualification competence criteria defined in Annex PC for the team member with expertise in Principle 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has a degree in a relevant subject.</li> <li>• Passed MSC's online training for fisheries team member within the last five years.</li> <li>• Passed new versions of the compulsory online training modules.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has three years' or more experience of applying relevant stock assessment techniques being used by the fishery under assessment.</li> <li>• Has three years' or more experience working with the biology and population dynamics of the target species or species with similar biology.</li> <li>• Has no conflict of interest in relation to the fisheries under assessment.</li> </ul> <p>Giuseppe meets the Principle 1 and team member requirements of FCP v2.2. He will participate in the site visit remotely.</p> <p><b>Geir Hønneland (Principle 3)</b> holds a PhD in political science from the University of Oslo and an LL.M. in the law of the sea from the Arctic University of Norway. As a researcher, he has studied international fisheries management (with main emphasis on enforcement and compliance issues), international environmental politics and international politics in Polar regions. He was affiliated with the Fridtjof Nansen Institute in Oslo for more than 20 years, as PhD student and research fellow (1996-2006), research director (2006-2014) and director (2015-2019). Among his fisheries related books is Making Fishery Agreements Work (Edward Elgar, 2012; China Ocean Press, 2016). Before embarking on an academic career, he worked five years for the Norwegian Coast Guard, where he was trained and certified as a fisheries inspector. Geir has been involved in MSC assessments since 2009 and has acted as Principle 3 expert in more than 50 full assessments and re-assessments, as well as a number of pre-assessments and surveillance audits. His experience from full assessments includes a large number of demersal, pelagic and reduction fisheries in the Northeast Atlantic, North Pacific and Southern Ocean, including crustaceans, as well as inland, bivalve and enhanced salmon fisheries. In the Northeast Atlantic, he has covered the international management regimes in the Barents Sea, Norwegian Sea, North Sea, Skagerrak, Kattegat and the Baltic Sea, and the national management regimes in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland, Faroe Islands, Greenland, Finland, Russia, Poland, the UK, the Netherlands and Germany, as well as the EU level.</p> <p>Geir meets the team member qualification competence criteria defined in Annex PC for the team member with expertise in Principle 3 and local knowledge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has a degree in a relevant subject.</li> <li>• Passed MSC's online training for fisheries team member within the last five years.</li> <li>• Passed new versions of the compulsory online training modules.</li> <li>• Has three years' or more experience a practicing fishery manager and/or fishery/policy analyst/consultant.</li> <li>• Has local knowledge because he speaks Russian fluently, studied Russian language and East European Studies and conducted a number of MSC assessments of Russian fisheries.</li> <li>• Has no conflict of interest in relation to the fisheries under assessment.</li> </ul> <p>Geir meets the Principle 3 and team member requirements of FCP v2.2. He will participate in the site visit remotely.</p>		
9	Stakeholder opportunities		
	<p>The ACDR, published on the MSC website with this announcement, is subject to stakeholder comments for a period of 60 days. Notification of this will be sent by email to all stakeholders identified with the client. Written submissions must be made via the 'MSC Template for Stakeholder Input into Fisheries Assessments v4.0' which can be found on the MSC website: <a href="https://www.msc.org/for-business/certificationbodies/supporting-documents/Index?search=stakeholder+input">https://www.msc.org/for-business/certificationbodies/supporting-documents/Index?search=stakeholder+input</a>.</p> <p>DNV will only accept stakeholder input as public record if submitted using the 'MSC Template for Stakeholder Input into Fisheries Assessments', or if raised during the site visit. The assessment team is available to meet remotely during the site visit via conference/video call software.</p>		
10	Assessment tree to be used		
	Default assessment tree v2.01		
11	Estimated timeline – <b>NEW SITE VISIT TIMING</b>		
	<p>The following is an estimated timeline for the assessment</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="253 1864 971 1904"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="253 1864 678 1904">ACTIVITY</th> <th data-bbox="678 1864 971 1904">DEADLINE</th> </tr> </thead> </table>	ACTIVITY	DEADLINE
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12	Site visit – <b>NEW SITE VISIT TIMING</b>										
	Originally, it was announced that the site visit would take place the week of 18 October 2021. The site visit has been postponed to accommodate the change in team leader. The site visit will now take place the week of 8 November 2021. During the site visit, the assessment team will meet with the client, relevant scientific and management organizations and experts, and/or interested stakeholders.										
13	Assessment tree modifications										
	NA										
14	Announcement Comment Draft Report stakeholder input deadline										
	<p>The ACDR, published on the MSC website with this announcement, is subject to stakeholder comments for a period of 60 days. Notification of this will be sent by email to all stakeholders identified with the client. The ACDR gives a draft scoring range for each of the performance indicators and with draft rationale.</p> <p>Written submissions must be made via the 'MSC Template for Stakeholder Input into Fisheries Assessments v4.0' which can be found on the MSC website: <a href="https://www.msc.org/for-business/certificationbodies/supporting-documents/Index?search=stakeholder+input">https://www.msc.org/for-business/certificationbodies/supporting-documents/Index?search=stakeholder+input</a>.</p> <p><b>Comments on the ACDR shall be submitted by 5 PM UTC on 17 October 2021.</b></p>										

The site visit is a key step to evaluate the Performance Indicators and Scoring Guideposts in the MSC Methodology and to collect information regarding the fisheries, and in particular to speak to representatives of the fisheries, fisheries management and environmental management bodies. DNV invites organisations or individuals with an interest in these fisheries to meet with the assessment team and provide information relevant to the assessment process.

DNV would like to inform that the assessment team is unable to reference or use information that cannot be shared with all stakeholders. Confidential information should only relate to either:

- Financial transactions about certification
- Financial affairs of individual companies or information that may lead to this information being made public,
- Information that is the subject of relevant national privacy or data protection legislation in the Client's country.

**The assessment team will meet remotely the week of 8 November 2021.** If you would like to talk to the assessors, please advise us of your interest by **5 PM UTC on 17 October 2021**, giving the following details:

1. Name and company, together with contact information
2. Your association with the fisheries
3. The issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation)
4. Suitable venue/method and time for a meeting

Please submit this information to **Jodi Bostrom (jodi.bostrom@dnv.com)**, and you will be contacted as soon as possible. DNV seeks to open a dialogue with all organizations or individuals with a direct interest in these fisheries. Anyone wishing to provide comments or information to the assessment process (in terms of the status of the stocks, ecosystem interactions or fisheries management practices, other) is invited to contact DNV. You may contact us for a meeting during the site visit, remote interviews or written submissions. Please use the "MSC template for stakeholder input v 4.0" for submission of your comments. The template can be downloaded from the MSC website: <https://www.msc.org/for-business/certification-bodies/supporting-documents/Index?search=stakeholder>.

Further information regarding the Marine Stewardship Council Methodology is available at the MSC website <http://www.msc.org>. Information on this fishery can be found at <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/>.

Should you have any information on this fishery that you feel should be considered in the assessment, please advise us. Recommendations of new stakeholders are also welcome.

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## **Appendix 1: Summaries of CVs of team leader and team members**

See above for summaries of CVs for the team leader and each team member.

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