

Dear Stakeholder,

RE: Basse Normandy Granville Bay whelk – Invitation for new Stakeholder information and revised timeline

The Comité Régional de Pêche de Basse Normandie and Normandie Fraicheur Mer has requested that ME Certification Ltd. (MEC) recommence the MSC assessment of the Basse Normandy Granville Bay Whelk Fishery.

Stakeholder input received following the publication of the original Public Comment Draft Report (PCDR) on the 14th May 2015, led to complications in the scoring that required a revision of the PCDR. The assessment process has effectively been ‘on hold’ while the clients addressed these issues.

MEC believe the information is now available to publish a revised PCDR. However, given the time elapsed since the original PCDR publication, MEC would like to invite stakeholders, for a period of thirty days, to submit any new, relevant information. MEC would be happy to arrange a phone call or a Skype meeting with a member of the MEC assessment team if desired.

A revised timeline with the new anticipated report publication dates has been submitted with this announcement.

Further details on this fishery can be seen via the MSC’s website here: -
<https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/basse-normandy-granville-bay-whelk/@@view>

MEC is also happy to receive general comments from stakeholders on this fishery. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact Gavin Fitzgerald (gavin.fitzgerald@me-cert.com) or Chrissie Sieben (chrissie.sieben@me-cert.com) at MEC by email, telephone or post at the below number and address:

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Please note that comments should be factual and should be supported by data or other evidence. Comments may remain unattributed. Furthermore, information that cannot be shared with any other stakeholder will not be referenced in the assessment and cannot be used in determining the outcome of the fishery’s assessment nor used as a basis for an objection. Information can be kept confidential if it is restricted to financial transactions about certification, the financial affairs of individual companies or information that may lead to this information being known, or information that is the subject of relevant national privacy or data protection legislation in the assessed fishery’s country.