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Notification of change to Proposed Peer Reviewers for the Northeast Arctic cod & haddock fishery by Euronor and Compagnie de Pêche de St. Malo

MacAlister Elliott and Partners Ltd. (MEP) is undertaking the full MSC certification assessment process for the following fishery:

Cod *(Gadus morhua)* & haddock *(Melanogrammus aeglefinus)* otter trawl fishery by Euronor and Compagnie de Pêche de St. Malo in ICES Subareas I & II.

In August 2011, MEP proposed the following experts to conduct peer reviews of the Public Comment Draft Report:

- Helen Davies (private consultant specialising in sustainable fisheries management and oceans governance)
- Dr. Matthew Cieri (marine resource scientist)

Due to unforeseen circumstances, MEP proposes to replace Helen Davies by Dr Jan Geert Hiddink (lecturer in Marine Ecology, Bangor University) as peer reviewer. A summary CV of Dr Hiddink is available below. The full CV is available on request to MEP at the address above. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact Chrissie Sieben on Chrissie.sieben@macalister-elliott.com before 17:00 GMT on 9 January 2012.

Dr Jan Hiddink

Dr Hiddink is a lecturer in Marine Ecology. School of Ocean Sciences, Bangor University, and an expert on marine and fisheries ecology; particularly the ecology of important commercial species and the ecosystem impacts of fishing activities and climate change. Some selected recent publications are given below:

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