

## Marine Stewardship Council Fishery Announcement

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| <b>Name of Fishery</b>                            | Wash Brown Shrimp  |
| <b>Assessment number</b>                          | Initial Assessment   |
| <b>Reduced re-assessment (Y/N)</b>                | N/A  |
| <b>Statement that the fishery is within scope</b> | <p>The fishery is within scope. Acoura can confirm that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The fishery is within scope of the MSC standard, (i.e. it does not operate under a controversial unilateral exemption to an international agreement, use destructive fishing practices, target amphibians, birds, reptiles or mammals and is not overwhelmed by dispute);</li> <li>• We have reviewed a pre-assessment report</li> <li>• We have confirmed the proposed units of assessment and certification;</li> <li>• The fishery has not failed in assessment in the last two years;</li> <li>• The Clients are the only 2 buyers of Shrimp in the Wash area. Fishers outside the client group may be eligible to join the certificate under a certificate sharing agreement.</li> <li>• We have determined that IPI stocks are not caught;</li> <li>• We have determined the fishery is not enhanced;</li> <li>• We have determined that the fishery overlaps with another MSC certified fishery -North Sea Brown Shrimp. The fishery also overlaps with multiple other fisheries in the North Sea which may have elements in P2 and P3 that require harmonisation.</li> <li>• We have determined that the fishery is not based on an introduced species; and</li> <li>• We have confirmed that the fishery does not include an entity that has been successfully prosecuted for violations against forced labour laws.</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Certificate sharing statement</b>                      | <p>Independent shrimp fishers outside the client group would be eligible to join the certificate if signed up to the management plan and code of conduct, and through agreement of the SFAWG by majority vote. Cost sharing agreements and any other applicable details will be agreed if such a situation arises.</p> <p>Certificate sharing letter available in Appendix 1.</p>   |
| <b>Estimated Length of Full Assessment &amp; Timeline</b> | <p>We expect this assessment to take 12-15 months, with a certification decision between May and August 2019. The timeline is available as a separate document.</p>   |
| <b>Name of proposed Team Leader</b>                       | <p><b>Tristan Southall – P3 Expert:</b> Tristan is an experienced marine and fisheries industry analyst with a range of professional experience in questions of sustainable marine resource exploitation, working with a wide spectrum of stakeholders but with particular focus and expertise on the management and evaluation of capture fisheries, both in the UK, EU and internationally. His consultancy expertise includes project management, fisheries liaison, feasibility studies, stakeholder consultation, policy analysis and management advice and draws on an extensive understanding of fishery management and operations, as well as strong experience and understanding of a number of other marine industries – notably aquaculture. This focus on management is supported by a solid understanding and appreciation of marine ecosystems and a practical understanding of working at sea.</p> <p>Tristan has considerable professional experience of the EU Common Fisheries Policy and has coordinated EU fisheries training and promotion activities – covering all aspects of sustainable fisheries management and control. In addition, Tristan has excellent understanding of a range of non-EU fishery management systems in countries as diverse as Turkey, Suriname and the Gambia, meaning that his expertise and experience is applicable to a wide variety of situations, enabling valuable comparative analysis. In recent years Tristan has put his skills and extensive fisheries management experience to good use in undertaking a number of MSC sustainability assessments of fisheries around the world and typically serves as team leader on assessment teams. Tristan has recently been contracted by MSC to develop capacity building tools and deliver capacity building training for prospective fishery clients and stakeholders; a recognition of his excellent understanding of MSC Certification Requirements, it's practical application and challenges.</p> |
| <b>Leadership Experience</b>                              | <p>Tristan Southall has undertaken multiple MSC surveillance and assessments in the past 5 years</p>  |
| <b>Name(s) of proposed assessors</b>                      | <p><b>Julian Addison – P1 Expert:</b> Dr Julian Addison is an independent fisheries consultant with over 30 years' experience of stock assessment and provision of management advice on shellfish fisheries, and a background of scientific research on shellfish biology and population dynamics and inshore fisheries. Until December 2010 he worked at the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) in Lowestoft, England where he was Senior Shellfish Advisor to Government policy makers, which involved working closely with marine managers, legislators and stakeholders, Government Statutory</p>  |

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|                      | <p>Nature Conservation Organisations and environmental NGOs. He has also worked as a visiting scientist at DFO in Halifax, Nova Scotia and at NMFS in Woods Hole, Massachusetts where he experienced shellfish management approaches in North America. For four years he was a member of the Scientific Committee and the UK delegation to the International Whaling Commission providing scientific advice to the UK Commissioner. He has worked extensively with ICES and most recently was Chair of the Working Group on the Biology and Life History of Crabs, a member of the Working Group on Crangon Fisheries and Life History and a member of the Steering Group on Ecosystems Function. He has extensive experience of the MSC certification process primarily as a P1 team member but also as a P2 team member and team leader, undertaking MSC full assessments of the fisheries for Newfoundland and Labrador snow crab, Ireland and Northern Ireland bottom grown mussels, Estonia and Faroe Islands Barents Sea cold water prawns, Nephrops in the Skagerrak and Kattegat, separate assessments for Swedish, Danish and Norwegian Skagerrak and Norwegian Deep cold water prawns, Eastern Canada offshore lobsters, Limfjord mussels and cockles, Chilean crustaceans, North Sea brown shrimp, Inner Danish Waters mussels, Shetland inshore shellfish and Canadian Arctic surf clams. He has also undertaken MSC pre-assessments, numerous annual surveillance audits and has carried out peer reviews of MSC assessments worldwide of lobster, cold water prawn, razorfish, cockle, scallop, mussel, oyster and slipper limpet fisheries. Other recent work includes a review of the stock assessment model for blue crabs in Chesapeake Bay, USA, and an assessment of three Alaskan crab fisheries under the FAO-based Responsible Fisheries Management scheme.</p> <p><b>Gudrun Gaudian: P2 expert:</b> Dr Gudrun Gaudian is an experienced marine ecologist and taxonomist, including coastal and marine surveys, EIA's for development and tourism, and research projects in tropical and temperate seas. Work experience also includes coastal and marine management issues, such as identifying sustainable coastal development projects, as well as addressing conservation issues, including selection and planning of marine parks and reserves, sustainable utilisation of natural resources and community based management programmes. Projects have been undertaken in temperate, polar and tropical marine regions. For some years now, Dr Gaudian has been working in fisheries certification applying the Marine Stewardship Council standard for sustainable fisheries, currently concentrating on Principle 2 of the Standard. Furthermore, Dr Gaudian holds an LL.M degree in Environmental Law and Management, giving a deeper understanding of law and policy dealing with such relevant issues as the Common Fisheries Policy, water and waste management, and international environmental law including EU environmental policy.</p> |
| <b>Local Context</b> | English is the local language.   |
| <b>Traceability</b>  | Julian Addison has completed the MSC traceability module in the last 3 years.  |

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| <b>RBF</b>   | Julian Addison has completed the RBF training.   |
| <b>Assessment tree to be used</b>                        | Default V2.0 Assessment tree will be used.   |
| <b>Site visit</b>  | <p>A key purpose of the site visit is to collect information and to speak to stakeholders with an interest in the fishery. For those parts of the assessment involving the MSC's Risk Based Framework (RBF) see <a href="http://www.msc.org/about-us/standards/methodologies/fam/msc-risk-based-framework">http://www.msc.org/about-us/standards/methodologies/fam/msc-risk-based-framework</a>, Please note we will be using a stakeholder-driven, qualitative analysis during the site visit (see separate RBF announcement for details). To achieve a robust outcome from this consultative approach, we rely heavily on participation of a broad range of stakeholders with a balance of knowledge of the fishery. We encourage any stakeholders with experience or knowledge of the fishery to participate in these meetings.</p> <p>The MSC provide guidance and templates for stakeholder contribution which can be found here:<br/> <a href="https://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders">https://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders</a></p> <p>The assessment team will be onsite and available to meet with all interested stakeholders in King's Lynn, Norfolk the week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018. If you would like to meet with the team please contact Polly Burns at <a href="mailto:fisheries@acoura.com">fisheries@acoura.com</a> or phone +44 131 335 6999.</p> |
| <b>Tree modifications &amp; stakeholder consultation</b> | N/A  |

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Submitted by: Polly Burns

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## Appendix 1: Client certificate sharing statement



Wash Shrimp

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Date: 25-04-2018

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Dear Polly

The Wash Shrimp Fishery acknowledges that there are fishermen who may wish to partake in the Brown Shrimp Fishery and have access to sharing the MSC certificate, it was agreed at a previous meeting that fishing vessel owners should apply to join the fishery through the Shrimp Fishery Advisory Working Group (SFAWG) and will need to apply to the group in writing a decision will be made on a majority vote and will be subject to signing to the Management Plan and Code of Conduct and working within the rules.

Best Regards



David Guy  
Secretary/ Chairman



## **Appendix 2: CVs of team leader and team**

*Available on request.*