



Norwegian Fishing Vessel Owners Association (Fiskebat)

**North East Arctic Saithe Trawl Fishery
North East Arctic Saithe Gill-Net Fishery
North East Arctic Saithe Purse-Seine Fishery**

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd

**Announcement of Main Assessment
21 February 2006**

We are pleased to announce that the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) fishery certification assessment is underway for the above Saithe fisheries. This assessment will evaluate these fisheries for compliance with the MSC international Standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries. The certification body contracted to assess these fisheries is Moody Marine.

The fisheries under assessment are based on the North East Arctic stock (Norwegian Sea), ICES Sub-Areas I and II. Three gear types are used (trawl, gill-net and purse-seine) and according to the MSC certification methodology, these are therefore described as separate fisheries. These fisheries are within the Norwegian EEZ and are managed by Norwegian authorities. Although separate fisheries, the assessments will be carried out in parallel.

Initially, Moody Marine seeks to open a dialogue with all organisations 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 stock, ecosystem interactions or fishery management practices) is invited to contact Moody Marine.

We are also in the process of assembling an assessment team of individuals with experience of stock assessment, ecosystem interactions and fishery management appropriate to this fishery. Any nominations of suitable individuals are also welcomed.

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