

## **Change in Team Leader for the MSC assessment of the Joint demersal fisheries in the North Sea and adjacent waters**

ME Certification Ltd (MEC) would like to inform stakeholders of changes in the assessment team: Cora Seip will take over the role as Assistant Team Leader from Dr. Hugh Jones.

Cora meets the Fishery Team Leader criteria in Table PC1. She has a Master's degree in Biology from Leiden University, and has passed the online fishery team leader training V2.0.

Previously, she worked for the Dutch Fish Product Board from 2007-2013 as Policy Officer, 'Nature and Spatial Planning'. Her work focused mainly on Natura 2000 procedures and shrimp and flatfish fisheries, and included the Marine Framework Directive.

Since 2013 Cora has worked as an expert independent consultant to a broad cross-section of fishing organisations. Notable achievements include working on assessment of Dutch fisheries (both generic and specific) and their impacts, as well as working as a representative and advisor to the Dutch Fish Product Board with regards to spatial planning, and nature conservation laws.

Cora joined MEC in July 2017 as a Fisheries Assessment Manager. No conflict of interest has been identified for the proposed team leader.

Any stakeholder wishing to provide comments on the proposed change should contact Charlotte Gwyther ([charlotte.gwyther@me-cert.com](mailto:charlotte.gwyther@me-cert.com)) or Chrissie Sieben ([chrissie.sieben@me-cert.com](mailto:chrissie.sieben@me-cert.com)) at MEC.

The deadline for consultation on the proposed change is **17:00 GMT** on the **21st January 2018**.

Further information on this fishery can be seen on the MSC's website here: <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/joint-demersal-fisheries-in-the-north-sea-and-adjacent-waters/@@view>

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