



Norway North Spring Spawning Herring fishery

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: DNV Business Assurance

Nominations for Assessment Team members

DNV Business Assurance (DNV) is currently undertaking the re-assessment of the Norway Spring Spawning Herring fishery against the Marine Stewardship Council Standard for Sustainable Fishing.

To assist with this re-assessment, DNV is in the process of assembling an assessment team comprising of members with experience and expertise in the areas of stock assessment, ecosystem interactions and fishery management appropriate to this fishery.

The candidates proposed as team members for this fishery re-assessment are set out below together with a brief resumé of their experience and expertise. The final team will comprise of three expert advisors.

Ms. Sandhya Chaudhury from DNV will fill the roles of Team Leader and Lead auditor.

Stakeholders are invited to provide comments on the suitability or otherwise of any of the nominees. We would, however, ask for any comments by **5 PM GMT on April 12th 2013** prior to continuing the assessment process.

Please use **“MSC template for stakeholder input v1”** for submission of your comments. The template can be downloaded from the link:

<http://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/forms-and-templates/msc-template-for-stakeholder-input-into-fishery-assessments/view>

Dr. John Nichols - Principle 1: Mr John Nichols is a retired UK government fisheries biologist with 42 years research experience in plankton ecosystems in the North Atlantic specializing in the taxonomy of North Atlantic & NW European plankton including phytoplankton, micro and meso-plankton, ichthyoplankton and young fish. He has been a member of ICES working groups on herring, mackerel, horse mackerel, sardine and anchovy assessments; and mackerel and horse mackerel egg surveys. He was also a member of ICES study groups on herring larval surveys and plankton sampling. He was scientist in charge of numerous research vessel surveys for fish stock assessment purposes and directly involved in the assessment of pelagic and western demersal fish stocks from 1994 to 2000. Since retirement from his government post he has participated in numerous MSC assessments as the Principle 1 expert. The assessments include the Thames estuary herring, PFA North Sea Herring, Hastings Fleet Dover sole, the north-east coast of England bass fishery, the SW mackerel handline fishery re assessment, the Norwegian pelagic fisheries, the Norwegian saithe fisheries and a North Sea plaice fishery. He has also been a peer reviewer for two MSC reports on Scottish pelagic fisheries.



Dr. Stephen Lockwood - Principle 2: Stephen Lockwood is an independent marine environment consultant with over 40 years' experience of marine fishery and environmental research and management. From 1967 to 1999 he was a government fishery scientist at the Fishery Laboratory (now Cefas) Lowestoft and then Conwy, North Wales. His research covered fishery coastal ecology, stock assessment and management, and fishery interests in coastal zone management. As a consultant he has prepared environmental impact assessments for a variety of coastal and offshore developments and contributed both as an assessor and peer reviewer for numerous UK, European and North American fisheries seeking MSC certification.

Dr. Geir Hønneland - Principle 3: Geir Hønneland is a Research Director of the Fridtjof Nansen Institute and adjunct professor at the University of Tromsø, Norway. He holds a Ph.D in political science from the University of Oslo, speaks Russian fluently and has followed the developments of Russian fishery politics and the Barents Sea fisheries management for more than two decades. Among his books are *Implementing International Environmental Agreements in Russia* (Manchester University Press, 2003), *Russian Fisheries Management: The Precautionary Approach in Theory and Practice* (Martinus Nijhoff, 2004), and *Making Fishery Agreements Work: Post-Agreement Bargaining in the Barents Sea* (Edward Elgar, 2012). He was member of the assessment team that performed the first MSC assessment of the Russian Barents Sea cod and haddock fishery in 2010. Dr. Hønneland also has wide range of evaluation experience, e.g. for the FAO relating to the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries.

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