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Russia Barents Sea Greenland Halibut Fishery MSC Fishery Announcement

Marine Stewardship Council fishery announcement

Table 1 – Fishery announcement

1	Fishery name
	Russia Barents Sea Greenland Halibut
2	Assessment number
	Initial Assessment
3	Reduced reassessment (Yes/No)
	N.A.
4	Statement that the fishery is within scope
	The Unit of Assessment is confirmed as within scope of the MSC standard.
5	Unit(s) of Assessment - UoA(s)

UoA 1	Description
Species:	Greenland Halibut (<i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>)
Stock:	Norwegian & Barents Sea Greenland Halibut (FAO Area 27, ICES Ia, Ib, IIa2, IIb2)
Geographical Area:	Barents and Norwegian seas
Harvest Method:	Bottom otter trawl
Client:	North-West Fishing Company-Murmansk Ltd.
Other eligible fishers:	Fishers wishing to obtain the right to use this certificate must agree the possibility with the current members of the group based on the terms and conditions laid out in the certificate sharing agreement and on equitable cost sharing.

UoA is provisional

6	Certificate sharing statement
	See appendix 2.
7	Name of proposed team leader
	<p>Geir Hønneland – Team lead and Principle 3 assessor.</p> <p>Geir Hønneland holds a PhD in political science from the University of Oslo (2000) and has studied international fisheries management (with main emphasis on enforcement and compliance issues), international environmental politics, international relations in Polar regions and Russian politics and society. He has been affiliated with the Fridtjof Nansen Institute in Oslo for more than 20 years and has acted as director since 2015. Among his fisheries-related books are <i>Russian Fisheries Management</i> (Brill, 2004), <i>Making Fishery Agreements Work</i> (Edward Elgar, 2012; China Ocean Press, 2016), <i>Law and Politics in Ocean Governance: the UN Fish Stocks Agreement and Regional Fisheries Management Regimes</i> (Brill, 2006) and <i>Coercive and Discursive Compliance Mechanisms in the Management of Natural Resources</i> (Kluwer, 2000; Springer, 2014). Before embarking on an academic career, he worked five years for the Norwegian Coast Guard, where he was trained and certified as a fisheries inspector. Geir has been involved in MSC assessments since 2009 and has acted as P3 expert in more than 30 full assessments and re-assessments (among them eight Russian fisheries), as well as a number of pre-assessments and surveillance audits. His experience from full assessments includes a large number of demersal, pelagic and reduction fisheries in the Northeast Atlantic and Southern Ocean, as well as inland and bivalve fisheries. In the Northeast Atlantic, he has covered the international</p>

	<p>management regimes in the Barents Sea, Norwegian Sea, North Sea, Skagerrak, Kattegat and the Baltic Sea, and the national management regimes in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Russia, Iceland, Faroe Islands, Greenland, Scotland and Germany, as well as the EU level. He has passed the Team Leader training for the MSC Fisheries Standard v.2.0 and MSC Fisheries Certification Process v.2.1, as well as IS 19011:2018 Auditing Management Systems and Leading MS Audit Teams.</p> <p>Geir has passed Traceability V2.1 MSC training.</p> <p>Geir has no conflict of interest in relation to this fishery. Full CV available on request.</p>
8	<p>Name(s) of proposed team members</p> <p>Giuseppe Scarcella – primarily responsible for assessing Principle 1</p> <p>Giuseppe Scarcella is an experienced fishery scientist and population analyst and modeller, with wide knowledge and experience in the assessment of demersal stocks. He holds a first degree in Marine Biology and Oceanography (110/110) from the Università Politecnica delle Marche, and a Ph.D. in marine Ecology and Biology from the same university, based on a thesis "Age and growth of two rockfish in the Adriatic Sea". After his degree he was offered a job as project scientist in several research programs about the structure and composition of fish assemblage in artificial reefs, off-shore platform and other artificial habitats in the Italian Research Council – Institute of Marine Science of Ancona (CNR-ISMAR). During the years of employment at CNR-ISMAR he has gained experience in benthic ecology, statistical analyses of fish assemblages evolution in artificial habitats, fisheries ecology and impacts of fishing activities, stock assessment, otholith analysis, population dynamic and fisheries management. During the same years he attended courses of uni-multivariate statistics and stock assessment. He is also actively participating in the scientific advice process of FAO GFCM in the Mediterranean Sea. At the moment he is member of the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries for the European Commission (STECF).</p> <p>He is author and co-author of more than 30 scientific paper peer reviewed journals and more than 150 national and international technical reports, most of them focused on the evolution of fish assemblages in artificial habitats and stock assessment of demersal species. For some years now, Dr Scarcella has been working in fisheries certification applying the Marine Stewardship Council standard for sustainable fisheries, currently concentrating on Principle 1 of the Standard. Furthermore, Dr Scarcella holds the credential as Fishery team leader (MSC v2.0).</p> <p>Giuseppe has passed MSC risk based framework (RBF) training v2.0.</p> <p>Giuseppe has passed MSC training and has no Conflict of Interest in relation to this fishery. Full CV available upon request</p> <p>Gudrun Gaudian – primarily responsible for assessing Principle 2</p> <p>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. Since 2010 Dr Gaudian has been working in fisheries certification applying the Marine Stewardship Council standard for sustainable fisheries, primarily as Principle 2 assessor, both as Team Leader and Team Member. Other relevant work carried out includes pre-assessments, peer reviews and MSC workshops. 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> <p>Gudrun has no conflict of interest in relation to this fishery. Full CV available on request.</p>

9	Stakeholder opportunities
	Stakeholders are encouraged to review the scoring presented in the Announcement Comment Draft Report (ACDR) and use the Stakeholder Input Form to provide evidence to the team of where changes to scoring are necessary. Lloyd's Register will be accepting stakeholder submissions on the ACDR from 6 th March 2019 for a period of 60 days (6 th May 2019). All stakeholder comments will be published ahead of the site visit.
10	Assessment tree to be used
	The assessment will use the default assessment tree.
11	Estimated timeline
	<p>The assessment is due to be completed by February 2020.</p> <p>ACDR publication – 6th March</p> <p>Client & Peer review draft report – 23rd August</p> <p>Public Comment Draft Report – 19th November</p> <p>Final Draft Report – 16th January</p> <p>Public Certification – February</p> <p>A separate timeline has been published on the MSC website</p>
12	Site visit
	<p>We expect to conduct any meetings as required in Murmansk, Russia during week commencing 6th May 2019. We may be able to meet with stakeholders as appropriate. If you would like to talk to the assessors, please advise us of your interest at your earliest convenience prior to the audit, giving the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your name and contact details; • your association with the fishery; • the issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation). <p>Please contact Lloyd's Register fisheries at fisheris@acoura.com for more information.</p>
13	Assessment tree modifications
	N.A

Submitted by: Kate Morris

Date: 06.03.2019

Appendix 1: Summaries of CVs of team leader and team members

Assessors CVs are available on request

Appendix 2: Certificate Sharing Statement



СЕВЕРО-ЗАПАДНАЯ РЫБОПРОМЫШЛЕННАЯ КОМПАНИЯ – МУРМАНСК
ОБЩЕСТВО С ОГРАНИЧЕННОЙ ОТВЕТСТВЕННОСТЬЮ

CLIENT CERTIFICATE SHARING STATEMENT

27 February, 2019
Murmansk

Kate J. Morris,
Lloyd's Register
Fisheries Technical Officer

Dear Kate,

With respect to MSC certification of Greenland Halibut trawl fishery we hereby confirm that all vessels having permits of the Barents and White Sea Territorial Administration of the Federal Fisheries Agency (Rosrybolovstvo) within the area stated in the permit are eligible to be covered by the MSC certificate.

However, adherence to said certificate as an eligible the fishery representatives shall be subject to compliance with the policy, terms and conditions previously accepted by the client "NWFC-Murmansk" Ltd., set in accordance with the mandatory procedure.

The obligatory conditions include requirements specified in the unit of certification defined in the assessment and the methods and catches of the client group members shall comply with these requirements respectively.

Therefore, in cases when other representatives of the fishery wish to obtain the right to use this certificate the current members of the group will agree on the possibility of their entry taking into account the above said and based on equitable cost sharing.

Yours faithfully,

Vladimir Y. Zhuravlev
Director



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