

MSC Fisheries Certification Assessment

OCI Grand Bank Yellowtail Flounder (*Limanda ferruginea*) Trawl Fishery

Conformity Assessment Body: Intertek Fisheries Certification

Performance Indicators and Scoring Guideposts

We are now entering the next stage of the assessment of this fishery against the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing.

The assessment team propose to use the default assessment tree in this independent evaluation of the fishery. The default assessment tree can be found within the MSC Certification Requirements on the MSC website at:

<http://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/msc-scheme-requirements>.

We welcome any comments on the proposed use of the default assessment tree in relation to this fishery. Comments should be made as specific as possible to individual performance indicators and scoring guideposts, and their suitability or not for use in assessing this fishery. If you wish to provide comment at any stage of the assessment process the MSC have provided a template for stakeholders to complete and submit their comments. This can be downloaded from the following link:

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

All comments should be sent to Intertek Fisheries Certification using the contact details for the Lead Assessor, shown below. **Your comments are welcomed, in the first instance, up until 1700 GMT on 6th November 2014.**

Intertek Fisheries Certification will notify identified stakeholders of key steps in the assessment process directly through email. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this notification please forward to them and notify us so we may add them to our list of stakeholders. It should be noted that because email is not a fool-proof way of transmitting notifications, we ask that stakeholders also subscribe to the free notification service provided by the MSC at: <http://www.msc.org/newsroom/updates>

Should you wish to obtain further information on the MSC, this is available on their web site at <http://www.msc.org>.

As a conformity assessment body, Intertek Fisheries Certification has dispute resolution procedures available should these prove necessary. These are available by contacting the Lead Assessor below.

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