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Norway NEA blue whiting fishery

MSC Use of the Risk-Based Framework (RBF) in a Fishery Assessment

1 Marine Stewardship Council use of the Risk-Based Framework

Table 1 – Fishery information		
1	Fishery name	
	Norway NEA blue whiting fishery	
2	CAB	
	DNV GL Business Assurance Norway AS	
3	Date that the proposal to use the RBF is submitted to the MSC	
	20.08.2019	
4	Date stakeholder comment period closes on the proposal to use the RBF	
	18.10.2019	
5	PI that the RBF is to be applied for	
	The default assessment tree from Annex SA of the MSC Fisheries Standard v2.01 will be used for this scope extension assessment but will be supplemented with the risk-based framework. The Risk-Based Framework (RBF) will be used in assessing PI 2.2.1 for Lesser silver smelt (<i>Argentina sphyraena</i> ©	
6	Justification for use	
	The assessment team has not found sufficient information on the stock status of <i>Argentina sphyraena</i> : Lesser silver smelt to assess PI 2.2.1 through the default assessment process. The team therefore proposes the use of RBF in order to evaluate the fishery impacts on this species.	

Stakeholders are invited to provide comments to the proposal to use the risk-based framework (RBF) by **5 PM GMT on 18.10.2019.**

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