

Marine Stewardship Council fisheries assessments

DNV GL-Business Assurance

# Norway North Sea demersal fisheries MSC Surveillance Announcement

12.01.2021

## 1 Introduction

[Covid-19 derogation 27.03.2020](#)

The surveillance announcement timeline is subject to a 6-month extension in accordance with Covid-19 Derogation 27 March 2020



## 2 Marine Stewardship Council surveillance announcement

**Table 1 – Surveillance announcement**

1	Fishery name	
	Norway North Sea demersal fisheries	
2	Unit(s) of Assessment (UoA)	
	<b>Fishery (UoA 1-6)</b>	<b>Norway North Sea demersal fisheries - saithe</b>
	Species	Saithe ( <i>Pollacius virens</i> )
	Stock	North Sea saithe
	Fishing gear	Danish seines, demersal trawl, hooks and lines (including longline and jigging), seine nets (purse), gillnets (not specified) & pots.
	Client group	Norges Fiskarlag on behalf of the entire Norwegian fleet
	Other eligible fishers	No other eligible fishers have been identified for the fishery.
	Geographical area	<b>Stock region:</b> North Sea <b>Common name of the body of water:</b> North Sea <b>FAO area</b> 27 <b>Local fisheries management area:</b> ICES Area IV & IIIa
	Management	The NS saithe, cod, haddock and hake stocks are managed under EU-Norway Agreement and by Norwegian Authorities
	<b>Fishery (UoA 7-12)</b>	<b>Norway North Sea demersal fisheries – cod (suspended 24.10.2019)- not subject to this surveillance audit</b>
	Species	Cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> )
	Stock	North Sea cod
	Fishing gear	Danish seines, demersal trawl, hooks and lines (including longline and jigging), seine nets (purse), gillnets (not specified) & pots.
	Client group	Norges Fiskarlag on behalf of the entire Norwegian fleet
	Other eligible fishers	No other eligible fishers have been identified for the fishery.
	Geographical area	<b>Stock region:</b> North Sea <b>Common name of the body of water:</b> North Sea <b>FAO area</b> 27 <b>Local fisheries management area:</b> ICES Area IV & IIIa
	Management	The NS saithe, cod, haddock and hake stocks are managed under EU-Norway Agreement and by Norwegian Authorities
	<b>Fishery (UoA 13-18)</b>	<b>Norway North Sea demersal fisheries – haddock</b>
	Species	Haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> )
	Stock	North Sea haddock
	Fishing gear	Danish seines, demersal trawl, hooks and lines (including longline and jigging), seine nets (purse), gillnets (not specified) & pots.

	Client group	Norges Fiskarlag on behalf of the entire Norwegian fleet
	Other eligible fishers	No other eligible fishers have been identified for the fishery.
	Geographical area	<b>Stock region:</b> North Sea <b>Common name of the body of water:</b> North Sea <b>FAO area</b> 27 <b>Local fisheries management area:</b> ICES Area IV & IIIa
	Management	The NS saithe, cod, haddock and hake stocks are managed under EU-Norway Agreement and by Norwegian Authorities
	<b>Fishery (UoA 19-24)</b>	<b>Norway North Sea demersal fisheries - European hake</b>
	Species	Hake (European) ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> )
	Stock	North Sea hake (European)
	Fishing gear	Danish seines, demersal trawl, hooks and lines (including longline and jigging), seine nets (purse), gillnets (not specified) & pots.
	Client group	Norges Fiskarlag on behalf of the entire Norwegian fleet
	Other eligible fishers	No other eligible fishers have been identified for the fishery.
	Geographical area	<b>Stock region:</b> North Sea <b>Common name of the body of water:</b> North Sea <b>FAO area</b> 27 <b>Local fisheries management area:</b> ICES Area IV & IIIa
	Management	The NS saithe, cod, haddock and hake stocks are managed under EU-Norway Agreement and by Norwegian Authorities
3	Date certified	Date of expiry
	16.06.2008	16.12.2023
4	Surveillance level and type	
	Level 6: on-site audit. This audit is subject to Covid 19 derogation of 27.03.2020 and 27.09.2020 and will be held remotely. This surveillance activity deviates from the surveillance program in the PCR of 11.06.2018- see appendix 2.	
5	Surveillance number	
	1st Surveillance	
	2nd Surveillance	X
	3rd Surveillance	
	4th Surveillance	
	Other (Expedited, etc.)	
6	Proposed team leader	
	<b>SANDHYA CHAUDHURY Team Leader and Traceability responsible.</b>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She meets the Fishery team leader qualifications and competency criteria in MSC FCP V2.1 Annex PC Table PC1.</li> <li>• She has a degree in a relevant subject.</li> <li>• Nearly 14 years' experience with the MSC fisheries standard.</li> <li>• Passed MSC's online training for fishery team leader within the last 3 years.</li> <li>• Passed new versions of the compulsory online training modules.</li> <li>• Approved ISO 9001 auditor for 20 years'.</li> <li>• Extensive experience with MSC Fisheries and Chain of Custody schemes.</li> <li>• Considerable experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques.</li> <li>• She has undertaken more than 2 MSC fishery assessments/surveillance site visits in the last 5 years.</li> <li>• Knowledge of common language spoken by clients and stakeholders for this fishery which is English</li> <li>• Sandhya is responsible for coordinating the Assessment Team's work and for the completion of the reassessment according to the requirements of FCP v2.2</li> <li>• She is also responsible for Traceability and has considerable first-hand and auditing experience from the MSC Chain of custody as well as other Food safety schemes.</li> <li>• She has no conflict of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</li> <li>• She will be participating in the remote audit.</li> </ul>
7	Proposed team members
	<p><b>HANS LASSEN Principle expert:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hans has a degree in a relevant subject.</li> <li>• More than 3 year's fisheries experience.</li> <li>• Passed MSC's online training for fishery team member within the last 3 years.</li> <li>• Passed new versions of the compulsory online training modules.</li> <li>• More than 3 years' experience applying relevant stock assessment techniques being used by the fishery under assessment.</li> <li>• More than 3 years' experience working with the biology and population dynamics of the target or species with similar biology.</li> <li>• More than 3 years' experience in research into, policy analysis for, or management of, fishery impacts on aquatic ecosystems.</li> <li>• Knowledge of common language spoken by clients and stakeholders for this fishery which is English.</li> <li>• Considerable experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques.</li> <li>• He has at least two assignments in the country or region in which the fishery under assessment is based in the last 10 years.</li> <li>• Hans has no conflict of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</li> <li>• Hans will be participating in the remote audit.</li> </ul>
8	Audit/review time and location
	Off-site, remote interviews by the assessment team are scheduled to be held via TEAMS on Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 and Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2021.
9	Assessment and review activities
	<p>The key purpose of the surveillance audit is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to review and evaluate the progress of the fishery against Conditions of Certification raised during the full assessment</li> <li>• review any potential or actual changes in the management systems;</li> <li>• review changes or additions / deletions to regulations;</li> <li>• review any personnel changes in scientific staff, key management or industry to evaluate impact on the management of the fishery;</li> <li>• review any potential changes to the scientific basis of information, including stock assessments.</li> <li>• Review any changes affecting traceability</li> <li>• Rescore any PISG in order to close any conditions according to defined milestones.</li> </ul>
10	Stakeholder opportunities

Any parties (individuals or organizations) interested in providing input to the annual surveillance process, please contact DNV GL by **5 PM UTC on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021** and provide:

- a) Your name and contact details
- b) Your association with the fishery
- c) The issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation)
- d) When you would like to meet

Please use the “MSC Template for Stakeholder Input into Surveillance Audits v1.0” for submission of any comments. The template can be downloaded from the MSC website: <https://www.msc.org/for-business/certification-bodies/supporting-documents/Index?search=stakeholder+input>

Remote meetings can be arranged via telephone conferencing or Skype, or written submissions can be made to the email address below.

Information on this fishery can be found at: <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/norway-north-sea-demersal/@@assessments>

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## Appendix 2: Surveillance frequency - if amended since PCDR

**Table 2 – Surveillance level justification**

Year	Surveillance activity	Number of auditors	Rationale
1	Off-site audit	2 auditors remote	The audit is subject to Covid 19 derogations of 27.03.2020 and 27.09.2020 and therefore being held remotely.

**Table 3 – Timing of surveillance audit**

Year	Anniversary date of certificate	Proposed date of surveillance audit	Rationale
1	16 December	16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	<p>The first surveillance audit is integrated with assessments of other fisheries for the client NORGES FISKARLAG, each with varying anniversaries. This is the most viable period for all the relevant fisheries, the client and stakeholders.</p> <p>The 6-month flexibility on either side of the anniversary date as given in FCP v2.2 §7.28.8.1 is invoked so as to co-ordinate site-visits thereby minimising the inputs from management agencies and stakeholders.</p>

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