

Marine Stewardship Council Surveillance Announcement

Name of Fishery	Scottish Fisheries Sustainable Accreditation Group (SFSAG) Saithe Fishery	
Surveillance level and type	<p>Surveillance level 6, on-site surveillance audit. This will be reviewed at the upcoming surveillance audit.</p> <p>The certification date for this fishery is the 3rd October 2013 and therefore the Year 3 surveillance site visit would normally have taken place in October 2016. However, for client cost saving and convenience reasons, this assessment has been delayed and combined with the site visits for the SFSAG NS haddock scope extension / Y1 surveillance and the SFSAG Rockall haddock assessment.</p>	
Surveillance number (tick one)	1st Surveillance	
	2nd Surveillance	
	3rd Surveillance	X
	4th Surveillance	
	Other (expedited etc)	
Proposed Team Leader	<p>Chrissie Sieben</p> <p>Chrissie Sieben has a Master's Degree in Marine Environmental Protection which she obtained at the University of Wales, Bangor. She is the MSC fisheries manager at MEC and specialises in marine and fisheries ecology, marine environmental impact assessment and sustainable fisheries. She has particular expertise with the MSC certification requirements and has completed numerous MSC pre-assessments and surveillance audits. She regularly participates in MSC training sessions and workshops including the MSC Benthic Impacts Workshop and Fishery Standard Review workshop. Chrissie has previously provided P2 expertise for most of MEC's ongoing full assessments, including the SZLC, HNSFC & CFA Cook Islands EEZ south Pacific albacore longline fishery and the Walker Seafood's Australian Eastern tuna and billfish tuna fishery.</p> <p>Chrissie will act as the Team Leader for this assessment and will be responsible for bringing together the work of the team's Principle experts. She will also be responsible for ensuring that the Version 2 Certification Requirements are being met at every stage of the assessment process.</p>	
Proposed team members [remove if not applicable]	<p>Dr. Jo Gascoigne</p> <p>Dr. Gascoigne is a former research lecturer in marine biology at Bangor University, Wales. She is an expert on fisheries science and management, with nearly 15 years' experience as a consultant, working mainly on MSC pre-assessments and full assessments, as well as FIP scoping, planning and implementation. Jo has been involved as expert and lead auditor in the majority of MEP's and MEC's full MSC assessments and numerous pre-assessments. She regularly participates in the MSC training sessions and workshops, the most recent of which was the MSC scoring calibration workshop for the new fisheries standard. Jo is currently undergoing one of the first new assessments against the MSC Version 2 requirements. She is also currently a team member for the SFSAG Haddock fishery and so has gained an excellent understanding of the fishery in question through her P2 work for this fishery.</p>	

	<p>All team members are fluent in English.</p> <p>Full CVs are available in the MSC's website or by request.</p>
Audit/review time and location	<p>The on-site visit for the Year 3 Surveillance will be carried out on the 28th February and 1st and 2nd March 2017 in Aberdeen, Scotland, simultaneously with the site visits for the SFSAG Rockall haddock assessment and a Year 1 surveillance / scope extension to the SFSAG NS haddock fishery. Dr. Gascoigne will attend the site visit, Chrissie Sieben will support remotely. The times of the surveillance activities outlined will be outlined in the site agenda and will be sent to participating stakeholders.</p>
Assessment/ review activities	<p>During the audit, MEC will communicate with the client and any relevant stakeholders and use any available up to date information to assess and review;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any changes to the fishery and its management including those to management systems, regulation and relevant personnel. • Any changes to the scientific base of information such as stock assessments. • Performance in relation to any relevant conditions of certification to deem conformity with, progress and performance against a condition. • Any developments or changes within the fishery impact may impact on traceability and the ability to segregate MSC from non-MSC products <p>Any other significant changes in the fishery</p>

MEC would like to welcome anyone who would like to participate in the site visit. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact Gavin Fitzgerald (gavin.fitzgerald@me-cert.com) or Chrissie Sieben (chrissie.sieben@me-cert.com) at MEC by email, telephone or post at the below number and address:

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Should any stakeholder wish to meet the team in person, this can be arranged. Remote meetings can also be arranged via telephone conferencing or Skype, or written submissions made to the above-mentioned email addresses.

Please note that comments should be factual and should be supported by data or other evidence. Comments may remain unattributed. Furthermore, information that cannot be shared with any other stakeholder will not be referenced in the assessment and cannot be used in determining the outcome of the fishery's assessment nor used as a basis for an objection. Information can be kept confidential if it is restricted to financial transactions about certification, the financial

affairs of individual companies or information that may lead to this information being known, or information that is the subject of relevant national privacy or data protection legislation in the assessed fishery's country.

The deadline for consultation is **17:00 GMT on the 24th February 2017.**

Submitted by: Gavin Fitzgerald, MSC Fisheries Officer

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