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Table 1 – Fishery announcement

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| | Fishery Shipowners Association (FSA) Russia Sea of Okhotsk pollock | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Assessment number | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Initial assessment | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Reduced reassessment (Yes/No) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | NA | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Statement that the fishery is within scope | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <p>LR reviewed the application form of the fishery under assessment as well as produced the Announcement Comment Draft Report, and can confirm the fishery is in scope in accordance with requirements at §7.4 in the MSC FCP V2.2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the fishery does not target amphibians, reptiles, birds or mammals; the fishery does not use poisons or explosives; the fishery does not operate under a controversial unilateral exemption to an international agreement; the client group does not include an entity that has been successfully prosecuted for a forced labour violation in the last 2 years; the fishery management framework includes a mechanism for resolving disputes and the fishery is not overwhelmed by disputes; the fishery is not an enhanced or introduced species-based fishery; and the client group does not include an entity that has been convicted for a shark finning violation in the last 2 years | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Unit(s) of Assessment - UoA(s) (Provisional - will be confirmed in accordance with MSC FCP V2.2 7.17.3) | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 7 | <p>Name of proposed team leader</p> <p>Assessment team leader: Chrissie Sieben Primarily responsible for assessment under Principle 2 Chrissie Sieben is an independent fisheries consultant with a Master's Degree in Marine Environmental Protection which she obtained at the University of Wales, Bangor. Chrissie specialises in marine and fisheries ecology, marine environmental impact assessments and sustainable fisheries development. She was the MSC fisheries scheme manager at ME Certification Ltd (which later became CU UK) up until December 2018. Previous to joining MEC, she worked as a fisheries consultant and marine ecologist on UK-based and international projects. Chrissie is now an independent assessor with over ten years' experience with the MSC certification requirements and has acted as team leader and P2 assessor on a range of preassessments, surveillance audits and full assessments of demersal and pelagic fisheries in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, Indian Ocean, Southern Ocean and Pacific. A full list of completed assessments is available in her CV. She also regularly participates in MSC training sessions and workshops. Chrissie speaks fluent French and Dutch in addition to English. She has successfully completed the MSC online team leader training on the Risk-Based Framework (RBF), FCRv2.0, FCPv2.1 and FCPv2.2 as well as ISO19011 on auditing management systems and has no conflict of interest in relation to this assessment.</p> <p>Chrissie Sieben has completed a number of MSC assessment as TL and meets all Fishery TL Qualification and Competency Criteria under MSC FCP v2.2 Table PC1 and MSC GCR v2.4.1 Table 1.</p> | | | | |
| 8 | <p>Name(s) of proposed team members</p> <p>Expert team member: Paul Medley Primarily responsible for assessment under Principle 1 Paul Medley is an independent fisheries scientist. He holds a PhD in fisheries science. He has carried out a wide number of stock assessments, conducted peer reviews and teaching assignments. Paul Medley has been involved more than 20 full assessments, several pre-assessments and fishery improvement plans. Paul Medley has over 30 years' experience of mathematical modelling of fisheries and ecological systems and data management, including data acquisition to fit and test models, with the objective of providing scientific advice to fishery management. He has worked on a wide number of fisheries including spiny lobster, conch, shrimp, squid, octopus, tuna and pelagics. He has been an invited expert for a number of stock assessment working group meetings and stock assessment reviews and most recently has focused on using the new Stan modelling software for producing MCMC posterior probability densities for population dynamics models. He has been involved in developing the MSC certification methodology and carried out various MSC assessments, including a number of North Sea pelagics and groundfish, Barents Sea and West Coast USA groundfish, Iceland groundfish stocks, Patagonian and Antarctic toothfish, icefish and krill. He have also helped prepare some fisheries for MSC certification, namely Suriname and Guyana seabob shrimp, Bahamas spiny lobster, Madagascar octopus, UK brown shrimp. Paul has passed MSC training and has no Conflict of Interest in relation to this fishery. Full CV available upon request</p> <p>Expert team member: Dmitry Lajus</p> | | | | |

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| 10 | <p>Assessment tree to be used</p> <p>The default assessment tree is used.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 12 | <p>Site visit</p> <p>The site visit for this fishery will take place commencing the 25th May 2021. Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, LR is submitting a Variation Request for this initial assessment to be conducted remotely, in line with the MSC Feb 26th COVID-19 derogation. The result of the VR will be available on the MSC website before the site visit. If you would like to speak with the team please notify us as soon as possible, and before the end of the consultation period for submission of information (see below) – we can then arrange appropriate discussion opportunity.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | <p>The MSC provide guidance and templates for stakeholder contribution which can be found here: https://www.msc.org/what-you-can-do/engage-with-a-fishery-assessment</p> <p>A key purpose of the site visit is to collect information and speak to stakeholders with an interest in the fishery. For those parts of the assessment involving the MSC's Risk Based Framework (RBF, see http://www.msc.org/about-us/standards/methodologies/fam/msc-risk-based-framework), we will be using a stakeholder-driven, qualitative and semi-quantitative analysis during the site visit. To achieve a robust outcome from this consultative approach, we rely heavily on participation of a broad range of stakeholders with a balance of knowledge of the fishery. We encourage any stakeholders with experience or knowledge of the fishery to participate in these meetings (FCP v2.2 7.12.3 and Annex PF2.3.2).</p> |
| 13 | Assessment tree modifications |
| | NA |
| 14 | Local Context |
| | English is widely spoken by the client group and we have a Russian team member who has experience with assessments in the region. A translation service will be provided during the site visit for stakeholders needing assistance. |
| 15 | Traceability |
| | Chrissie Sieben has completed the traceability module in the last four years |
| 16 | Risk Based Framework (RBF) |
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| 17 | Announcement Comment Draft Report stakeholder input deadline |
| | <p>The Announcement Comment Draft Report (ACDR) for this fishery is now available for consultation on the fishery's Track a Fishery page. Please note this does not represent a final outcome, and the scores are based on a review of documents submitted by the client in the Client Document Checklist – we fully recognise changes may be necessary following the site visit and stakeholder comments. Stakeholders can submit comments on the report, which will be published on the MSC website ahead of the site visit. As this is a full assessment, stakeholders have 60 days to submit comments, using the MSC Stakeholder Input form (available to download here). The deadline for information submission is therefore 25th May at 5pm UTC.</p> <p>Please see the MSC's Summary of Changes document, which includes an overview of the Fisheries Certification Process (FCP) V2.2, particularly in contrast to previous process versions.</p> <p>Following the ACDR consultation and site visit, stakeholders will also have the opportunity to participate at the following stages:</p> <p>Public Comment Draft Report: This version of the report contains updated scores and rationale following the ACDR consultation, site visit, client and peer review. Stakeholders will have 30 days to review the report.</p> <p>Final Draft Report: This presents the draft determination on whether the fishery passes or fails, and includes any changes following the public consultation, with responses to stakeholder input. An objection to the draft determination can be submitted within the 15 working day period (more details here).</p> |

Annual surveillances: If the fishery is certified, annual surveillances will monitor progress on open conditions and check ongoing compliance with the standard – stakeholders will have the opportunity to participate annually.

If you are not on the stakeholder list for this fishery, and would like to be to ensure you are notified of the consultation opportunities, please sign up [here](#) – or contact the LR fisheries team at fisheries-ca@lr.org

Submitted by: Deirdre Duggan

Date: 26th March 2021

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

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