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**Notification of Proposed Assessment Team**  
**for the**  
**Full Assessment of the PFA, DPPO and KFO Northeast Atlantic Blue Whiting**  
**(*Micromesistius poutassou*) Pelagic Trawl Fishery**

MacAlister Elliott and Partners Ltd. (MEP) is undertaking the full MSC certification assessment process for the PFA, DPPO and KFO Northeast Atlantic Blue Whiting (*Micromesistius poutassou*) Pelagic Trawl Fishery conducted by Pelagic Freezer-Trawler Association (PFA), Danish Pelagic Producers Organisation (DPPO) and Killybegs Fishermen's Organisation Ltd (KFO).

To undertake the assessment process, MEP proposes the following team of experts:

**Dr Sophie des Clers**

Sophie is an independent expert in fisheries management and socioeconomics, as well as an honorary research fellow of University College London. She has been involved in a number of previous MSC assessments including UK Fisheries Ltd cod, haddock and saithe, Biscay sardine seine fishing, Normandy-Jersey lobster and Euronor/Comapêche cod and haddock. Sophie is an expert in fisheries management and legislation at a regional, national and international level but with particular focus on the EU. Dr des Clers will act as Team Leader and Principle 3 expert for this assessment.

**Chrissie Sieben**

Chrissie 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 MEP and specialises in marine and fisheries ecology, marine environmental impact assessment and sustainable fisheries. She has particular expertise with the MSC



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certification requirements and has completed numerous MSC pre-assessments and surveillance audits. She regularly partakes in MSC training sessions and workshops including the MSC Benthic Impacts Workshop and Fishery Standard Review workshop. Chrissie is currently acting as P2 expert for the SZLC, HNSFC & CFA Cook Islands EEZ south Pacific albacore longline fishery and the Walker Seafood's Australian Eastern tuna and billfish tuna fishery and will be working on P2 for this fishery assessment.

### **Dr Mike Pawson**

Mike Pawson has 44 years' experience as a fisheries scientist carrying out biological research and providing expert advice, particularly in relation to fish stock assessment and fisheries management and regulation. In 2007, he retired from his post as the senior advisor to the English Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). Mike led the regional blue whiting surveys completed in the 70's on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) and has an excellent understanding of the target species in question. He has also completed nine previous MSC fishery assessments to date, mainly on a variety of demersal species and commonly as a Principle 1 assessor. Dr Pawson will act as Principle 1 expert for this assessment.

The CV of each team member has also been provided for posting on the MSC Website.

All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact Tracy Nealon at [tracy.nealon@macalister-elliott.com](mailto:tracy.nealon@macalister-elliott.com) by email or telephone at the above number.

**The deadline for consultations is 25<sup>th</sup> August 2014.**