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## MSC certified North East Atlantic Mackerel fisheries

### Marine Stewardship Council Certification

**Certification Body: Food Certification International Ltd (Trading As Acoura Marine) & DNV GL Business Assurance**

### Notification to extend deadline for lifting of suspension

We would like to advise that the current deadline of April 30, 2015 for the lifting of the suspension for all currently certified NE Atlantic mackerel fisheries (now in re-assessment as MINSA), will be extended until 10th June 2015.

This delay will allow time for harmonisation discussions to be completed between the MINSA North East Atlantic mackerel fishery and the other mackerel fisheries currently undertaking their first full-assessments; the Northern Ireland Pelagic Sustainability Group (NIPSG) NEA mackerel fishery, and the Faroese Pelagic Organisation North East Atlantic mackerel fishery. Harmonisation discussions between the relevant CABs have been taking place, although a harmonised outcome has not been achieved yet.

This proposed deadline falls in advance of the currently certified fisheries certification date of the end of July.

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