



Norway North Sea and Skagerrak Herring fishery

Marine Stewardship Council Certification Certification Body: Det Norske Veritas Certification AS

Confirmation of revised Assessment Team

Det Norske Veritas Certification AS is pleased to confirm the following revised assessment team for this fishery assessment.

Principle 1 & Team leader: Dr. John Nichols

John Nichols is a retired UK government fisheries biologist with 42 years research experience in plankton ecosystems in the North Atlantic specializing in the taxonomy of North Atlantic & NW European plankton including phytoplankton, micro and meso-plankton, ichthyoplankton and young fish. He has been a member of ICES working groups on herring, mackerel, horse mackerel, sardine and anchovy assessments; and mackerel and horse mackerel egg surveys. He was also a member of ICES study groups on herring larval surveys and plankton sampling. He was scientist in charge of numerous research vessel surveys for fish stock assessment purposes and directly involved in the assessment of pelagic and western demersal fish stocks from 1994 to 2000. Since retirement from his government post he has participated in numerous MSC assessments as the Principle 1 expert. The assessments include the Thames estuary herring, PFA North Sea Herring, Hastings Fleet Dover sole, the north-east coast of England bass fishery, the SW mackerel handline fishery re assessment, the Norwegian pelagic fisheries, the Norwegian saithe fisheries and a North Sea plaice fishery. He has also been a peer reviewer for two MSC reports on Scottish pelagic fisheries.

Principle 2: Dr. Stephen Lockwood

Stephen Lockwood is an independent marine environment consultant with over 40 years' experience of marine fishery and environmental research and management. From 1967 to 1999 he was a government fishery scientist at the Fishery Laboratory (now Cefas) Lowestoft and then Conwy, North Wales. His research covered fishery coastal ecology, stock assessment and management, and fishery interests in coastal zone management. As a consultant he has prepared environmental impact assessments for a variety of coastal and offshore developments and contributed both as an assessor and peer reviewer for numerous UK, European and North American fisheries seeking MSC certification.

Principle 3: Dr. Geir Hønneland

Geir Hønneland is a Research Director of the Fridtjof Nansen Institute and adjunct professor at the University of Tromsø, Norway. He holds a Ph.D in political science from the University of Oslo, speaks Russian fluently and has followed the developments of Russian fishery politics and the Barents Sea fisheries management for more than two decades. Among his books are *Implementing International Environmental Agreements in Russia* (Manchester University Press, 2003), *Russian Fisheries Management: The Precautionary Approach in Theory and Practice* (Martinus Nijhoff, 2004), and *Making Fishery Agreements Work: Post-Agreement Bargaining in the Barents Sea* (Edward Elgar, 2012). He was member of the assessment team that performed the first MSC assessment of the Russian Barents Sea cod and haddock fishery in 2010. Dr. Hønneland also has wide range of evaluation experience, e.g. for the FAO relating to the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries.



DNV GL project manager, Chain of custody responsible and country expert: Guro Meldre Pedersen

Guro Meldre Pedersen holds a PhD in Marine Biotechnology from the University of Tromsø. Before joining DNV GL, she worked as researcher at Fiskeriforskning in Tromsø. She joined DNV GL through DNV GL Research & Innovation's Food & Biorisk programme where she served three years as researcher and deputy programme director. She was involved in the initial accreditation process for the MSC programme, and since joining DNV GL Business Assurance as Global Seafood Coordinator in 2010 she has been supporting the MSC Fishery and Chain of Custody programmes, including participation in accreditation audits. She has participated in site visits and contributed to MSC assessment processes for Norway North Sea saithe, Norway North East Arctic saithe, Norway spring spawning herring and Norway North Sea and Skagerrak herring fisheries. She has been project manager for two MSC Fishery pre-assessments.

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