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ISF Icelandic Haddock Marine Stewardship Council Fishery Standards Conformity Assessment Body: Vottunarstofan Tún ehf.

Notification of Change of Conformity Assessment Body

Vottunarstofan Tún ehf. wishes to announce that the client for the ISF Icelandic Haddock fishery, Icelandic Group hf., has nominated Vottunarstofan Tún ehf. to conduct annual surveillance assessments of this fishery.

Vottunarstofan Tún has reviewed information on this fishery, including Public Certification Report of April 2012 and first Surveillance Report of June 2013. Tún is able to confirm that the fishery is still within general compliance with the MSC Principles and Criteria for responsible fishing, as well as within the scope originally set:

SPECIES	Haddock (Melangrammus aeglefinus)
STOCK	Icelandic Haddock within the Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone
GEOGRAPHICAL AREA	FAO Statistical Area 27 / ICES Area Va: Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone
METHOD OF CAPTURE	Demersal otter trawl, Danish seine, long line, handline and gillnet
MANAGEMENT	Icelandic coastal state management
CLIENT GROUP	For details of the client group and eligible fishers see: <u>http://www.msc.org/track-a-</u>
OTHER ELIGIBLE FISHERS	fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/north-east- atlantic/isf_icelandic_haddock/assessment-downloads.

UNITS OF CERTIFICATION:

LIST OF FISHERY PRACTICES AND ENTRY INTO CHAIN OF CUSTODY:

Icelandic haddock, caught by Icelandic registered and licensed vessels within Icelandic EEZ (ICES area Va), landed in Iceland or England and sold through Icelandic Group or authenticated certificate sharers is eligible to carry MSC logo and be marketed to the end consumer as MSC certified.

All commercial entities who take ownership or control of the fish after first point of landing must have chain of custody certification and only those who are certificate shareholders are eligible to use the MSC logo.

Certificate transfer does not affect original conditions and recommendations for the fishery. Current surveillance program for this fishery remains applicable with the next (the second) surveillance assessment due in 2014.

Vottunarstofan Tún will shortly issue a new certificate for this fishery. The period of validity for the new certificate will remain the same as for the original certificate.

The date of certificate transfer will be 21 March 2014.

For information on this fishery we would like to refer you to MSC's website: <u>http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/north-east-atlantic/isf_icelandic_haddock</u>.

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