

**Norwegian Seafood Export Council  
Norwegian North East Arctic Cod Fishery  
Norwegian North East Arctic Haddock Fishery**

**Marine Stewardship Council Certification  
Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd**

**Advisory: Clarification of Unit of Certification**

Following the initial evaluation of the above fisheries, Moody Marine has identified an important issue surrounding the retained by-catch of coastal cod (a depleted stock) in Norwegian fisheries targeting North East Arctic cod and haddock.

It is noted by the assessment team that measures to allow for rebuilding of coastal cod stocks are in preparation for imminent implementation. It is also noted that significant capture of coastal cod does not take place outside of 12 nm from the coastal baseline.

While these additional management activities are underway, and to proceed with the assessments of the offshore fisheries, the Unit of Certification for each of the cod and haddock fisheries (i.e. the definition of the fishery under assessment) will be separated into further Units of Certification which will now be assessed on separate timescales:

- Waters outside of the 12 nm limit (i.e. offshore), and
- Waters inside of 12 nm (i.e. inshore).

As and when appropriate rebuilding measures are in place for coastal cod, the assessment team will review these and complete the scoring of those cod and haddock Units of Certification operating within the 12 nm limit.

The draft report on each fishery will be released for public comment in due course.

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