

Change in Assessment Team

Mussel translocation in the Oosterchelde fishery

ME Certification Ltd (MEC) would like to inform stakeholders of the addition of a new team member to the Mussel translocation in the Oosterchelde fishery.

MEC is proposing the addition of Mr Ulf Löwenberg to the assessment team.

Ulf Löwenberg has a Master's degree from the University of Hamburg in Fisheries Science. He is a fisheries biologist with more than 30 years' experience in the fisheries sector. This has included more than 15 years' experience in fisheries and advisory projects, including extensive work in Africa and 8 years' project management. Ulf has been involved in a number of MSC pre-assessments, full assessments and surveillance audits based in Europe. These include Swedish Skagerrak and Kattegat herring fishery, North Sea Saithe Trawl fishery and Western Baltic Spring Spawning Herring fishery.

Mr Löwenberg is being added to replace the current team member Miss Chrissie Sieben who is now on maternity leave until October 2015. The scoring has been completed for this fishery by the original team members, Dr Jo Gascoigne and Miss Chrissie Sieben. To ensure continuity within the new team a review of this scoring will be completed between Dr Gascoigne and Mr Löwenberg prior to the completion of the Client Draft Report (CDR).

MEC is happy to receive comments from stakeholders on this change or on the assessment of this fishery. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact Gavin Fitzgerald (gavin.fitzgerald@me-cert.com) at MEC by email, telephone or post at the below number and address:

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The deadline for receipt of stakeholder comments on the addition of this new team member will be the 17th July at 17:00pm GMT.

Please note that comments should be factual and should be supported by data or other evidence. Comments may remain unattributed. Furthermore, information that cannot be shared with any other stakeholder will not be referenced in the assessment and cannot be used in determining the outcome of the fishery's assessment nor used as a basis for an objection. Information can be kept confidential if it is restricted to financial transactions about certification, the financial affairs of individual companies or information that may lead to this information being known, or information that is the subject of relevant national privacy or data protection legislation in the assessed fishery's country.