

16th November 2016**CVO Pulse Sole and Plaice Fishery****Marine Stewardship Council Certification****Certification Body: Acoura Marine Ltd****Notification of Intent to Withdraw**

Acoura Marine announce the above fishery's intention to withdraw from the full assessment process, effective from the 16th November 2016.

The fishery is withdrawing from the full assessment process due to not being recommended for certification at this time.

The last report to be published is the Public Comment Draft Report (PCDR). If you have any comments or feedback to give, please contact Acoura, CVO or the MSC dependent on the nature of your comment.

A statement including comment from CVO and MSC in response to the outcome is published on the MSC website here:

<https://www.msc.org/newsroom/news/assessment-clarifies-sustainability-challenges-for-pulse-trawl-fisheries>

For the avoidance of doubt Acoura provide the following clarification.

1. The fishery exiting assessment is the CVO **Pulse** sole and plaice fishery that has been in MSC full assessment since 2015.
2. The CVO North Sea plaice and sole trawl fishery that achieved MSC certification in 2012 is unaffected and remains certified.

Acoura would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those involved in this fishery assessment.

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