

Norway North East Arctic and North Sea Saithe Fisheries

Marine Stewardship Council Certification Certification Body: Det Norske Veritas

Announcement: Release of Public Comment Draft Report for Stakeholder Comment

Det Norske Veritas (DNV) is pleased to announce that the draft report on the MSC certification assessment of the above fishery is now available for comment by stakeholders.

The scope of certification covers all Norwegian vessels in the North East Arctic and North Sea targeting saithe (*Pollacius Virens*) with trawl, gill-net, purse-seine, Danish seine and handline.

Stakeholders are invited to comment on the factual contents of the report, either in relation to the specific sections of the report or specific scoring indicators. Comments should be clearly related to specific report sections or scoring indicators. Any recommendations or criticisms should be supported with data or literature citations so that the assessment team is able to evaluate these comments.

Following receipt of comments from stakeholders, DNV will consider all available information and make a determination on whether the fishery should be certified. Following this determination, the final report will be made available.

The report is available at the MSC website www.msc.org

Comments on the report should be forwarded, before 15:00 GMT on 12th April 2013.

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