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**Scottish Fisheries Sustainable Accreditation Group (SFSAG)  
Northern Demersal Stocks**

**MSC Surveillance Audit Announcement**

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## Marine Stewardship Council surveillance announcement

<b>1</b>	<b>Fishery name</b>	
	Scottish Fisheries Sustainable Accreditation Group (SFSAG) Northern Demersal Stocks	
<b>2</b>	<b>Surveillance level and type</b>	
	Level 6 Year 3 surveillance audit. The anniversary for the fishery is the 12 <sup>th</sup> May. As per the stakeholder email sent 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 the year 3 surveillance audit has been planned to be delayed until November 2019. This is to align with key dates in the fishery management cycle; November ICES Advice and EU management meetings.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Surveillance number</b>	
	1st Surveillance	
	2nd Surveillance	
	3rd Surveillance	x
	4th Surveillance	
	Other (expedited etc)	
<b>4</b>	<b>Proposed team leader</b>	
	<b>Name</b>	Dr Hugh Jones
	<b>Areas of responsibility</b>	Team Leader
	<b>Competency criteria (Annex PC)</b>	<p>Dr Hugh Jones has a PhD in Ecotoxicology and strong background in marine research including publications and reports on ecotoxicology, environmental risk assessments and fisheries research. Prior to joining CU Pesca he was employed as a fisheries scientist in the development of an empirical harvest strategy for commercial abalone fisheries and fisheries assessments of estuarine bivalves. This included work on population metrics (recruitment, growth), harvest dynamics (catch rates, market selectivity), and the use of fine scale geospatial techniques as performance measures to assess stock sustainability. Dr Jones has completed the required Fishery Team Leader MSC training modules for the new V2.01 Fisheries Certification and V2.1 process requirements.</p> <p>Hugh Jones has &gt;8 years experience of fishing impact on ecosystem dynamics, including ecosystem surveys and in addition has 3 years' experience as P2 assessor with MSC projects. Hugh has published peer review works on the trophic pathways of pelagic food webs and zooplankton abundance in relation to environmental conditions. His work includes analysis of water column abiotic and biotic attributes which determine the functional ecology of fish species. He has secured research funding for</p>

		ecological studies of fish populations in relation to climate change, which consider the coupling between demersal and pelagic pathways.
	<b>Conflict of interest in relation to this fishery</b>	CU Pesca have reviewed Hugh's information and found no conflict of interest.
	<b>On-site or off-site</b>	On-site  It is proposed that Dr Hugh Jones will act as team leader and Principle 2 assessor for this audit and will be responsible for bringing together the work.
	<b>CV</b>	Available on request
<b>5</b>	<b>Proposed team members</b>	
	<b>Name</b>	Dr Robin Cook
	<b>Areas of responsibility</b>	Principle 1
	<b>Competency criteria (Annex PC)</b>	<p>Dr Cook meets the following requirements in Table PC3: 1. Fish stock assessment and Table PC3 2. Fish stock biology / ecology. In a career spanning over 40 years, Robin has gained experience with the following stock assessment techniques: Bayesian age structured assessment models, Bayesian state-space models applied to demersal stocks that include marine mammal predation interactions, Surplus production modelling of mixed species, Extended Survivors Analysis (XSA), Time Series Analysis (TSA), Stock Synthesis, BAM, ADAPT, SAM and related methods. 30 plus years' experience working with the biology and population dynamics of the target or species with similar biology: Robin is an expert in demersal fisheries population dynamics. His expertise has focused on North Atlantic systems, in particular the North Sea gadoid populations.</p> <p>Based on the information above and Robin's CV CU Pesca are confident Robin meets the requirements of Table PC3 for 1. Fish stock assessment and 2. Fish stock biology / ecology.</p>
	<b>Conflict of interest in relation to this fishery</b>	CU Pesca have reviewed Robin's information and found no conflict of interest.
	<b>On-site or off-site</b>	Off-site
	<b>CV</b>	Available on request
	<b>Name</b>	Dr Sophie des Clers

<b>Areas of responsibility</b>	Principle 3
<b>Competency criteria (Annex PC)</b>	<p>Principle 3 – management systems. Other such projects of similar involvement include: UK Fisheries/DFEU/Doggerbank saithe, Normandy and Jersey lobster, Scapeche and Compagnie de Peche de St. Malo – saithe, SARPC Kerguelen &amp; Crozet Toothfish fishery. - 2012: midterm evaluation and Phase II formulation of SmartFish, an EDF project to support an integrated fisheries regional strategy in the 20 member states of the Eastern and Southern Africa and Indian Ocean ACP region - 2012: supporting the formulation of a fisheries and aquaculture policy for the Commonwealth – strengthening fisheries management in ACP states. Caribbean - 2009/10: Socio-economic appraisal of the coastal fisheries sector – team leader in charge of survey design, data analysis, and report. - 2006-07: team leader in a project to strengthen Fisheries Management capacity in ACP countries, as team leader, in charge of both social and environmental aspects. Senegal, Gabon, Mozambique, Uganda, Fiji and New Caledonia. - 2000: Consultant - Integrating Biodiversity and European Fisheries Policy: Rebuilding a healthy and productive ecosystem. EU, CCAMLR.</p> <p>Based on the information above and Sophie’s CV CU Pesca are confident she meets the requirements of Table PC3 4. Fishery management and operations</p>
<b>Conflict of interest in relation to this fishery</b>	CU Pesca have reviewed Sophie’s information and found no conflict of interest.
<b>On-site or off-site</b>	on-site
<b>CV</b>	Available on request
<b>6</b>	<b>Audit/review time and location</b>
	The audit on 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 will take place in Aberdeen at the offices of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation (SFF). Email contact is available for assessors and the client and conference facilities will be utilised as required on the day as required
<b>7</b>	<b>Assessment and review activities</b>
	<p>During the audit, CU Pesca will communicate with the client and any relevant stakeholders and use any available up to date information to assess and review;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any changes to the scientific base of information such as stock assessments and its impact on Principle 1 scoring.</li> <li>• Any changes to the fishery and its management including those to management systems, regulation and relevant personnel assessments;</li> <li>• Any changes to the scientific base of information such as stock;</li> <li>• Any developments or changes within the fishery impact may impact on traceability and the ability to segregate MSC from non-MSC products;</li> <li>• Will review progress against the conditions associated with this fishery.</li> <li>• Harmonization against the other fisheries certified on the MSC program</li> <li>• Any other significant changes in the fishery.</li> </ul>

CU Pesca would like to welcome anyone who would like to participate in the site visit. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact Hugh Jones via email ([hjones@controlunion.com](mailto:hjones@controlunion.com)), telephone or post at the below number and address:

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Comments must be made using the [Template for Stakeholder Input into MSC-Assessments](#). Should any stakeholder wish to meet the team in person, this can be arranged. Remote meetings can also be arranged via telephone conferencing or Skype, or written submissions made to the above-mentioned email addresses.

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 surveillance report and cannot be used in determining conformity of the fishery with the MSC Standard. 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.

**Deadline for stakeholder comment: 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 at 17:00 UTC**

Submitted by: Charlotte Todd

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

## Appendix 2: Surveillance frequency - if amended since PCDR

**Table 1 – Surveillance level rationale**

Year	Surveillance activity	Number of auditors	Rationale
2	On-site audit	2 auditors on-site 1 remote	No change from PCR

**Table 2– Timing of surveillance audit**

Year	Anniversary date of certificate	Proposed date of surveillance audit	Rationale
2	July 2019	November 2019	As per the stakeholder email sent 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 the year 2 surveillance audit will be delayed until November 2019. This is to align with key dates in the fishery management cycle; November ICES Advice and EU management meetings.

**Table 3– Fishery surveillance program**

Surveillance level	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
6	On-site surveillance audit	On-site surveillance audit	On-site surveillance audit	On-site surveillance audit & re-certification site visit