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Invitation to Stakeholders for Submission of New Information

Joint demersal fisheries in the North Sea and adjacent waters

ME Certification Ltd (MEC) are currently undertaking the full assessment of the above fishery.

This fishery was announced on the 16th March 2017 and the Public Comment Draft Report (PCDR) was due to be published on the 16th March 2018. The period between the assessment announcement and receipt of the PCDR by the MSC now exceeds 12 months.

Therefore, as per clause 7.3.4.1 of the FCRv2.0, MEC would like to invite stakeholders to submit any new information relating to the fishery that the team should consider in the assessment of the fishery. Please note that the standard 9-month period in this clause was extended to 12 months through a Variation Request, available here: <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/joint-demersal-fisheries-in-the-north-sea-and-adjacent-waters/@@assessments>

This period of consultation will last 30 days. A revised timeline taking into account this period of consultation has also been published on the MSC's website.

All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact Chrissie Sieben (chrissie.sieben@me-cert.com) by email, telephone or post at the below number and address.

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The deadline for consultation is **17:00 GMT, 19th April 2018.**