

Russian Federation Barents Sea cod, haddock and saithe fishery**Marine Stewardship Council Certification****Certification Body: DNV GL Business Assurance****Announcement: Release of Public Comment Draft Report for Stakeholder Comment**

DNV GL is pleased to announce that the draft report on the MSC certification assessment of the above fishery is now available for comments by stakeholders.

The scope of certification:

Species: The certification covers the Barents Sea cod (*Gadus morhua*) , Barents Sea haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*) and Barents sea saithe (*Pollachius virens*)

Harvesting location: ICES Sub-areas I and II. FAO 27. Primarily Norwegian EEZ and Svalbard FPZ.

Harvesting method: Bottom trawl

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 can evaluate these comments.

Please use **"MSC template for stakeholder input v1"** for submission of your comments. The template can be downloaded from the link:

<https://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/forms-and-templates/template-for-stakeholder-input-into-fishery-assessments-v1.0/view>

Following receipt of comments from stakeholders, DNV GL 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:

<https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/russian-federation-barents-sea-cod-and-haddock/@assessments>

Comments on the report should be forwarded, before **5 PM GMT on February 3rd**

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