

Thursday 30th October 2015

Northern Ireland Pelagic Sustainability Group (NIPSG) Irish Sea Atlantic Mackerel, WOS & NS Herring Fishery

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: Food Certification International Ltd

Announcement of entry into MSC Full Assessment

Food Certification International is pleased to announce that the above fishery has begun full assessment under the requirements of the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Sustainable Fisheries certification.

Units of Certification are:

UoC 1

Species:	Mackerel (<i>Scomber scombrus</i>)
Stock:	Northeast Atlantic mackerel
Geographical area:	ICES Areas VI and VII, IVa.
Harvest method:	Mid-water Pelagic Trawl
Management System:	Cooperative management between EU member states and Norway, advised by ICES
Client Group:	Anglo North Irish Fish Producers Organisation Ltd. (NIPSG)
Other Eligible fishers	Member of NIPSG and any other European producer organisations, fisheries organisations, individual European fishers who have not yet signed the Certification sharing mechanism

UoC 2

Species:	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)
Stock:	West of Scotland herring
Geographical area:	Within EU waters - ICES Areas VIa North, VIb, Vb
Harvest method:	Mid-water Pelagic Trawl
Management System:	Cooperative management between EU member states and Norway, advised by ICES
Client Group:	Anglo North Irish Fish Producers Organisation Ltd. (NIPSG)
Other Eligible fishers	Member of NIPSG and any other European producer organisations, fisheries organisations, individual European fishers who have not yet signed the Certification sharing mechanism

UoC 3

Species:	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)
Stock:	Autumn spawning stock in North Sea and Eastern Channel
Geographical area:	ICES divisions IV and VIIId
Harvest method:	Mid-water Pelagic Trawl
Management System:	Cooperative management between EU member states and Norway, advised by ICES
Client Group:	Anglo North Irish Fish Producers Organisation Ltd. (NIPSG)
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The Client entering into Full Assessment is Anglo North Irish Fish Producers Organisation Ltd.

The Client Group being assessed is defined as Anglo North Irish Fish Producers Organisation Ltd (NIPSG).

Other Eligible Fishers are members of NIPSG and any other European producer organisations, fisheries organisations, individual European fishers who have not yet signed the Certification sharing mechanism

The site visit is expected to take place in January 2015 in Northern Ireland.

Version of the MSC Certification Requirements (CR) used: CR v1.3

The proposed target Eligibility Date is 31st January 2015

Rationale:

Proposed timeline is 6 months prior to PCDR according to current timeline

Stakeholder consultation is a vital part of the MSC assessment process and FCI encourage anyone with knowledge or information relevant to this assessment (in terms of the status of the stock, ecosystem interactions or fishery management practices) to share this with FCI and its assessment team.

The MSC provides a set of guidelines and templates to assist in the transfer of information between stakeholders and Certification Bodies and these should be used for any comments you wish to make on this or any other stage of the assessment process and can be found here:

<http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders>

Comments should be sent in the first instance to:

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