



Norway North East Arctic and North Sea Saithe Fisheries

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: Det Norske Veritas

Announcement of Re-assessment

Det Norske Veritas (DNV) is pleased to announce that Norway North East Arctic and North Sea Saithe Fisheries are entering the re-assessment process against Marine Stewardship Council Standard for Sustainable Fishing.

The scope of re-assessment will remain the same as for initial certification and will cover all Norwegian vessels in the North East Arctic and North Sea targeting saithe with trawl, gill-net, purse-seine, Danish seine and hand line.

The client responsible for re-assessment of the Norwegian saithe fisheries is the Norwegian Seafood Council (Norges Sjømatråd / www.seafood.no).

Re-assessment of these fisheries will follow all the steps of the MSC Certification requirements in force at the time of the re-assessment.

The re-assessment is estimated to take approximately 11 months. The existing certification of this fishery expires on the 15th of June 2013. Therefore, the target eligibility date for re-assessment is 16th of June 2013.

Information on the saithe fisheries undergoing re-assessment can be found at:

<http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/certified/arctic-ocean/norway-north-east-arctic-saithe>
<http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/certified/north-east-atlantic/norway-north-sea-saithe>

DNV seeks to open a dialogue with all organisations or individuals with a direct interest in these fisheries. Anyone wishing to provide comments or information to the re-assessment process (in terms of the status of the stock, ecosystem interactions or fishery management practices, other) is invited to contact DNV.

Please use “**MSC template for stakeholder input v1**” for submission of your comments.

The template can be downloaded from the link:

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

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