

Marine Stewardship Council Surveillance Announcement

Name of Fishery	Northern Ireland Bottom Grown Mussel Fishery	
Surveillance level and type	Surveillance level 6 (Default surveillance), on-site surveillance audit – See Appendix 2.	
Surveillance number	1st Surveillance	
	2nd Surveillance	✓
	3rd Surveillance	
	4th Surveillance	
	Other (expedited etc)	
Proposed Team Leader	Géraldine Criquet – See Appendix 1	
Proposed team members	Fergal Guilfoyle - See Appendix 1	
Audit/review time and location	Bord Iascaigh Mhara Offices, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin: 10 th and 11 th September 2015	
Assessment/ review activities	1. To review any changes in the management of the fishery, including regulations, key management or scientific staff or stock evaluation 2. To evaluate the progress of the fishery against any Conditions of Certification raised during the Main Assessment	

MSC certification requires annual surveillance assessments of all certified fisheries. This fishery is now entering the ‘annual surveillance’ stage of the assessment against the MSC Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing. SAI Global will conduct the surveillance using MSC FCR v2.0 effective from April 1, 2015.

A key purpose of this stage is to collect information on the fishery and in particular to speak to representatives of the fishery, fishery management and environmental management bodies. Should you have any information on this fishery that you feel should be considered in the audit, please advise us. If you not wish to be interviewed you may submit written information to the assessment team.

30th July 2015

We expect to carry out most meetings over the period 10th to 11th September 2015 inclusive. The assessment team will be visiting Bord Iascaigh Mhara Offices, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

If you would like to talk to the assessors, please advise us of your interest by 29th August 2015 giving the following details:

- your name and contact details
- your association with the fishery
- the issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation)

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Should you wish to obtain further information on the Marine Stewardship Council, this is available on their web site at <http://www.msc.org>

Appendix 1**Géraldine Criquet - Lead Assessor**

Géraldine holds a PhD in Marine Ecology (École Pratique des Hautes Études, France) which focused on coral reef fisheries management, Marine Protected Areas and fish ecology. She has also been involved during 2 years in stock assessments of pelagic resources in the Biscay Gulf, collaborating with IFREMER. She worked 2 years for the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD) at Reunion Island for studying fish target species growth and connectivity between fish populations in the Indian Ocean using otolith analysis. She served as Consultant for FAO on a Mediterranean Fisheries Program (COPEMED) and developed and implemented during 2 years a monitoring program of catches and fishing effort in the Marine Natural Reserve of Cerbère-Banyuls (France). Geraldine joined Global trust Certification in August 2012 as Fisheries Assessment Officer and is involved in FAO-Based RFM and MSC fisheries assessments.

Fergal Guilfoyle - Assessor

Fergal has a degree in Marine Biology from Trinity College Dublin, a Masters in Fisheries and Marine Science from Aberdeen University and a postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management from the University of Ulster. Fergal is currently managing director of Treanbeg Shellfish Ltd, a small oyster farming business based in Mayo. Treanbeg Shellfish also trades as Treanbeg Marine Consulting which is a business focusing on Environmental Impact Assessment for finfish farms.

Fergal is a member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management, and he is an invited member of the National Inland Fisheries Forum (NIFF) which advises IFI and the minister in matters relating to inland fisheries resources in Ireland.

Fergal has worked as a research scientist in Ireland for BIM and the Marine Institute. As an Aquaculture Development / Quality Officer in Co Mayo Fergal has gained a thorough understanding of all aspects of the aquaculture industry in Ireland. Since 2009 Fergal has been working extensively with the Aquaculture Industry as a shellfish producer and as a consultant working on EIA projects in the finfish sector.

Appendix 2

Table 4.1 : Surveillance level rationale

Year	Surveillance activity	Number of auditors	Rationale
2	On-site audit	2 auditors on-site	8 conditions, Pls 1.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.5.2, 2.5.3, 3.2.2, 3.2.4, were raised during the initial full assessment. Progress towards all conditions was determined to be on target during the 1 st surveillance audit. Considering that milestones indicate that some conditions will be closed out in years 3 and some in year 4, the CAB proposes to have an on-site audit with 2 auditors on-site to ensure that all information will be collected.

Table 4.2: Timing of surveillance audit

Year	Anniversary date of certificate	Proposed date of surveillance audit	Rationale
2	30 th July 2015	10 th -11 th September 2015	Key stakeholders are available neither in July nor in August.

Table 4.3: Fishery Surveillance Program

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