



Estonia North East Arctic cold water prawn fishery

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: DNV Business Assurance

Announcement of Determination and Release of Final Report for Stakeholder Comment

DNV Business Assurance (DNV) is pleased to announce that following the 30 day period of stakeholder comment on the Public Comment Draft Report the Certification team at DNV Business Assurance has reviewed the report which includes the Peer reviewer comments and all stakeholder comments.

DNV's certification team has reached the Determination that the Estonia North East Arctic cold water prawn (*Pandalus Borealis*) fishery in ICES Ia,b and IIb using bottom trawl as harvesting method (as defined in the accompanying report) should be certified according to the Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fisheries set by the Marine Stewardship Council.

The Final Report for this assessment is now available on the MSC website. Please note that this is a determination and not a final certification result. The fishery is not certified until the final consultation period of 15 working days has been concluded. In this period a party may lodge a statement of intent to object on either merit grounds (if the party has previously provided input to the assessment team) or procedural grounds (if any party has been prevented from earlier participation in the assessment process). Additionally any party (regardless of prior participation) may file support of a merit objection.

A description of the Grounds for Objection and the template for submission of comments is available at <http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders>

Information regarding this fishery can be accessed at: http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/in-assessment/north-east-atlantic/estonia_north_east_arctic_cold_water_prawn/assessment-downloads

Intent to file an Objection should be addressed to DNV contact person and copied to MSC's Chief Executive by **17:00 GMT on 31st October 2013**.

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