

## Joint demersal fisheries in the North Sea and adjacent waters

### MSC Full Initial Assessment

This revised timeline was submitted on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

The predicted date by which the assessment was initially expected to be completed was June 2018. However, a delay has been incurred due to a series of events, including changes in key personnel in the client group, the need for an additional site visit in Sweden, submission of revised datasets and delays in the completion of the WMR habitat impact assessment which was planned to underpin the scoring of the habitats component under Principle 2. Overall, MEC are anticipating a 6-month delay from the initial timeline. The revised timeline is shown below.

Please note, some consultation periods differ from the standard periods. This has been agreed with the MSC via a variation request which can be seen on the MSC's website.

Assessment stage	Date	Stakeholder Consultation Period
Fishery announcement	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Forty-five (45) day consultation period. All stakeholders are invited to submit comments on the fishery throughout the assessment process
Site visit(s)	1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 (Emmeloord, Netherlands) 15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 (Copenhagen, Denmark)  Note: an additional site visit was held in Gothenborg, Sweden on the 15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2017.  An RBF workshop was also held on the 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	All stakeholders are invited to the team's site visit
Peer review	May 2018	Stakeholder will have a ten (10) day period to comment
Public Comment Draft Report ( <b>PCDR</b> ) published	September 2018	Stakeholder will have a forty-five (45) day period to comment
Final Report ( <b>FR</b> ) & Draft Determination Published	November 2018	Stakeholders will have a fifteen (15) working day period to lodge an objection to Final Report and Draft Determination
Public Certification Report ( <b>PCR</b> ) published	January 2019	N/a