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Announcement of use of Default Assessment Tree for North Sea Herring, DPPO

DNV is proposing to use the default assessment tree contained within the MSC Fishery Assessment Methodology version 1 (FAM v1) in the independent evaluation of the North Sea Herring for DPPO fisheries.

The scope of certification covers the herring stock in the North Sea and Eastern Channel, caught in targeted herring fisheries (ICES divisions IVa, b, c, VIId and IIa) using harvesting methods such as purse seine and pelagic trawl.

DNV will be taking comments on the proposed FAM for 30 days (until 8th of October 2008). All comments should be sent to Vibeke Bagger at DNV using the contact details shown below. Comments should be made as specific as possible to individual performance indicators and scoring guideposts, and their suitability or not within this fishery.

More information regarding the FAM can be found at http://www.msc.org/about-us/standards/methodologies/the-new-fishery-assessment-methodology . The complete FAM and guidance will be provided on request from DNV by emailing vibeke.bagger@dnv.com

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