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**Notification of publication of Final Report for the Full Assessment of  
the DPPO and DFPO North Sea herring**

ME Certification Ltd. (MEC) announces that following the 30 day period of stakeholder comment on the Public Comment Draft Report, the Certification Committee has reviewed the Final Report, which incorporates the comments of the peer reviewers and stakeholders.

MEC's Final Report concludes that the DPPO and DFPO North Sea herring fishery should be certified according to the Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fisheries as set by the Marine Stewardship Council. The Final Report for this assessment is now available on the MSC website:

<https://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/north-east-atlantic/dppo-and-dfpo-north-sea-herring/reassessment-downloads>

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 either a Procedural Objection or a Merits Objection. A description of the Grounds for Objection is available in the MSC Objections Procedure on [www.msc.org](http://www.msc.org)

Intent to file an Objection should be addressed to the Independent Adjudicator at [objections@msc.org](mailto:objections@msc.org) and copied to the MSC by **17:00 GMT on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015**