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1 Marine Stewardship Council fishery announcement

Table 1 – Fishery announcement

| 1 | Fishery name | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Norebo Sea of Okhotsk Mid-Water Trawl Pollock Fishery | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Assessment number | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Initial Assessment | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Reduced reassessment (Yes/No) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | No | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Statement that the fishery is within scope | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <p>LR reviewed the application form of the fishery under assessment as well as produced the Announcement Comment Draft Report, and can confirm the fishery is in scope in accordance with requirements at §7.4 in the MSC FCP V2.2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the fishery does not target amphibians, reptiles, birds or mammals; the fishery does not use poisons or explosives; the fishery does not operate under a controversial unilateral exemption to an international agreement; the client group does not include an entity that has been successfully prosecuted for a forced labour violation in the last 2 years; the fishery management framework includes a mechanism for resolving disputes and the fishery is not overwhelmed by disputes; the fishery is not an enhanced or introduced species-based fishery; and the client group does not include an entity that has been convicted for a shark finning violation in the last 2 years | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Unit(s) of Assessment - UoA(s) (Provisional - will be confirmed in accordance with MSC FCP V2.2 7.17.3) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <p>Unit of Assessment 1 (UoA1)</p> <table> <tr> <th>UoA 1</th><th>Description</th></tr> <tr> <td>Species</td><td>Walleye or Alaska pollock (<i>Gadus chalcogrammus</i> = <i>Theragra chalcogramma</i>)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Stock</td><td>Sea of Okhotsk Walleye (Alaska) pollock</td></tr> <tr> <td>Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)</td><td>Midwater (pelagic) Trawls</td></tr> <tr> <td>Client group</td><td>The fishery is performed by companies belonging to Norebo Group. The following companies holding the fishing rights to harvest Walleye (Alaska) pollock stocks shall be eligible to use the certificate:</td></tr> </table> | UoA 1 | Description | Species | Walleye or Alaska pollock (<i>Gadus chalcogrammus</i> = <i>Theragra chalcogramma</i>) | Stock | Sea of Okhotsk Walleye (Alaska) pollock | Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s) | Midwater (pelagic) Trawls | Client group | The fishery is performed by companies belonging to Norebo Group. The following companies holding the fishing rights to harvest Walleye (Alaska) pollock stocks shall be eligible to use the certificate: |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AKROS JSC; - AKROS-3 JSC; - BLAF JSC; - MAGADANTRALFLOT LLC; - ROLIZ LLC; - SAKHALIN LEASING FLOT JSC. <p>All the above companies are under common ownership and management structure. Apart from the above companies being a part of Norebo Group, other fishing companies may be eligible to use the certificate under a certificate sharing agreement (see Section Error! Reference source not found.).</p> |
| Other eligible fishers | None |
| Geographical area | FAO area 61 North Sea of Okhotsk subarea (subzone 61.05.1) West Kamchatka subarea (subzone 61.05.2) Kamchatka-Kuril subarea (subzone No 61.05.4) |
| Unit of Assessment 2 (UoA 2) | |
| UoA 2 | Description |
| Species | Walleye pollock or Alaska pollock (<i>Gadus chalcogrammus</i> = <i>Theragra chalcogramma</i>) |
| Stock | East Sakhalin Walleye (Alaska) pollock |
| Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s) | Midwater (pelagic) Trawls |
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| Other eligible fishers | None |
| Geographical area | FAO area 61 East Sakhalin subarea (subzone No 61.05.3) |
| 6 | Certificate sharing statement |
| | Adopted by Norebo Group (Norebo) for the entire corporate group in which Norebo Holding Joint Stock Company is the ultimate parent company, that includes, without any limitation, the operations of its fishing and processing companies, trading companies and other businesses related |

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| | <p>to harvesting of living marine resources, processing of catches, transportation and trading of fishery products.</p> <p>The MSC certificates of Norebo Group, can be shared with a third-party supplier (the Supplier) not belonging to Norebo under the following legally binding conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Supplier shall implement and strictly comply with Norebo's Code of Conduct for Sustainable Fishery and Corporate Social Responsibility (the Code of Conduct), including but not limited to fishing activities, production, storage and delivery of products from the Barents Sea cod, haddock and saithe. 2. The Supplier shall implement all registration protocols for bycatch of ETP and non-target species as set forth in the Code of Conduct. 3. The Supplier shall make reasonable financial contributions to the assessment activities and other activities related to the compliance with the MSC certification requirements including participation in a scientific observer scheme. 3. The Supplier shall comply with conditions and/or recommendations as set forth in the Norebo Sea of Okhotsk Mid-Water Trawl Pollock Fishery Public Certification Report. 5. The Suppliers shall provide all information related to its fishing activities (total catch including bycatch, areas of operation, number of fishery inspections in all areas of operation including supporting documents) and corporate social responsibilities (labour and employment conditions, ethical issues etc.) as well as evidence of implementation of the Code of Conduct as requested by Norebo within reasonable time. 6. The Supplier shall sell (directly or through any trading company) its MSC products only to Norebo Group. No products bearing Norebo's MSC certificate codes can be sold to other buyers. 7. The Supplier shall organize annual audits of Norebo on its vessel(s) to verify the compliance with the conditions of the Norebo's Certificate Sharing Statement. 8. In case the Supplier does not comply with any of the above conditions, Norebo can require that the Supplier shall implement additional measures and/or the Supplier's vessel(s) can be removed from Norebo's list of vessels approved to deliver MSC fish and fishery products. |
| 7 | Name of proposed team leader |
| | <p>Dmitry Lajus – P3</p> <p>Dr. Dmitry Lajus is an Associate Professor at the Department of Ichthyology and Hydrobiology at St. Petersburg State University since 2003. Dr. Lajus holds a M.S. degree from the St. Petersburg State University and a Ph.D. from the Zoological Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences. In 2006, Dr. Lajus received a Fulbright Fellowship at the University of New Hampshire, USA. He performs scientific research in population biology of marine fish and invertebrates, stress assessment, history of fisheries, historical ecology, and population dynamics. Dr. Lajus has an extensive list of peer-reviewed publications, chapters in books, conference proceedings, participation in international conferences, and involvement in international research and educational projects. Dr. Lajus has performed multiple MSC pre-assessments and full assessments on fisheries of Pacific salmon, Pacific cod, Pacific halibut, European perch and a number of other species in Russia, he also doing MSC peer-reviews and provides consultancy of MSC certifications for fishery clients. Dmitry has passed all relevant MSC and ISO training and has no Conflict of Interest in relation to this fishery. Full CV available on request.</p> |

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| | Dmitry has completed a number of MSC assessment as TL and meets all Fishery TL Qualification and Competency Criteria under MSC FCP v2.2 Table PC1 and MSC GCR v2.4.1 Table 1. |
| 8 | Name(s) of proposed team members |
| | <p>Giuseppe Scarcella – P1</p> <p>Giuseppe Scarcella is an experienced fishery scientist and population analyst and modeller, with wide knowledge and experience in the assessment of demersal stocks. He holds a first degree in Marine Biology and Oceanography (110/110) from the Università Politecnica delle Marche, and a Ph.D. in marine Ecology and Biology from the same university, based on a thesis "Age and growth of two rockfish in the Adriatic Sea". After his degree, he was offered a job as project scientist in several research programs about the structure and composition of fish assemblage in artificial reefs, off-shore platform and other artificial habitats in the Italian National Research Council – Institute of Marine Science of Ancona (CNR-ISMAR), now Institute for Biological Resources and Marine Biotechnologies (IRBIM). During the years of employment at CNR-ISMAR first and CNR-IRBIM later he has gained experience in benthic ecology, statistical analyses of fish assemblage evolution in artificial habitats, fisheries ecology and impacts of fishing activities, stock assessment, otolith analysis, population dynamic and fisheries management. Since 2018 Dr. Scarcella is in the permanent staff of CNR-IRBIM as researcher. During the same years, he attended courses of uni-multivariate statistics and stock assessment. He is also actively participating in the scientific advice process of FAO GFCM in the Mediterranean Sea as well as in the European context. He was member of the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries for the European Commission (STECF) from 2012 to 2019 and is chair of the STECF-EWG Assessment of balance indicators for key fleet segments and review of national reports on Member States efforts to achieve balance between fleet capacity and fishing opportunities.</p> <p>He is author of more than 50 scientific paper peer reviewed journals and more than 150 national, and international technical reports, most of them focused on the evolution of fish assemblages in artificial habitats, stock assessment of demersal species and evaluation of fisheries management plans. For some years now, Dr Scarcella has been working in fisheries certification applying the Marine Stewardship Council standard for sustainable fisheries, currently concentrating on Principle 1 of the Standard. Furthermore, Dr Scarcella holds the credential as Fishery team leader (MSC v2.0). Giuseppe Scarcella has passed the most updated MSC training and has no Conflict of Interest in relation to this fishery. Full CV available upon request.</p> <p>Deirdre Hoare – P2</p> <p>Deirdre Hoare is a fisheries consultant with over 15 years of experience in a wide range of projects associated with marine biodiversity and the sustainable use of living aquatic resources. Her principal area of expertise is in relation to stock assessment and ecosystem impacts of both artisanal and commercial fisheries. Her work involves evaluation and verification of fisheries management and sustainability against international standards. Deirdre currently holds the position of Fishery Science Manager at MarinTrust. Prior to this she worked as a Fisheries Assessment Analyst and as a Scientific and Technical Officer for the Marine Institute in Ireland. This work involved fisheries research and stock assessment for ICES working groups. The work also involved coordination and management of a Fisher Self sampling program in the Irish Sea, with particular emphasis on spatial and temporal discard measurement tools. As well as having worked as a researcher, she completed many trips on commercial fishing vessels in the capacity of scientific observer in the NAFO area, North West Atlantic and Irish Coast. She has also experience on finfish and shellfish aquaculture that she gained working in Scotland. Since 2010 Deirdre has been working on fisheries certification applying the Marine Stewardship Council standard for sustainable fisheries, primarily as Principle 2 assessor. Other relevant work carried out includes pre-assessments, peer reviews and MSC workshops. Deirdre has passed all relevant MSC and ISO training and has no Conflict of Interest in relation to this fishery. Full CV available on request.</p> |

| 9 | Stakeholder opportunities | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | <p>Stakeholders are encouraged to provide input on the ACDR before the site visit. Stakeholders have 60 days to provide input and should submit their input or comments on the ACDR by 5pm UTC on 9th of January 2022.</p> <p>Stakeholders must submit their using the MSC Template for Stakeholder Input to Fishery Assessments v4.0.</p> <p>Site visit: because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all team members are available to meet remotely (FCP v2.2 7.12.2.e.i). A Variation Request is being submitted in accordance with the MSC derogation on remote initial assessments.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Assessment tree to be used | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Default Tree used | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Estimated timeline | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Certification | Late August 2022 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Site visit | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <p>The site visit for this fishery will take place the week commencing the 10th of January 2022. Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, LR is submitting a Variation Request for this initial assessment to be conducted remotely, in line with the MSC Feb 26th COVID-19 derogation. The result of the VR will be available on the MSC website before the site visit. If you would like to speak with the team please notify us as soon as possible, and before the end of the consultation period for submission of information (see below) – we can then arrange appropriate discussion opportunity.</p> <p>The MSC provide guidance and templates for stakeholder contribution which can be found here: https://www.msc.org/what-you-can-do/engage-with-a-fishery-assessment</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | Local Context | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | Dmitry is a Russian based auditor, speaking both English and Russian. The client speaks English well. The whole team have worked on other Russian fisheries recently. |
| 15 | Traceability |
| | Dmitry and Giuseppe have completed the MSC traceability module in the last 5 years |
| 16 | Risk Based Framework (RBF) |
| | Giuseppe has completed the RBF training. |
| 17 | Announcement Comment Draft Report stakeholder input deadline |
| | 9 th of January at 5pm UTC |

The Announcement Comment Draft Report (ACDR) for this fishery is now available for consultation on the fishery's Track a Fishery page. Please note this does not represent a final outcome, and the scores are based on a review of documents submitted by the client in the Client Document Checklist – we fully recognise changes may be necessary following the site visit and stakeholder comments. Stakeholders can submit comments on the report, which will be published on the MSC website ahead of the site visit. As this is a full assessment, stakeholders have 60 days to submit comments, using the MSC Stakeholder Input form (available to download [here](#)). The deadline for information submission is therefore 09/01/22 at 5pm UTC.

Please see the MSC's [Summary of Changes](#) document, which includes an overview of the Fisheries Certification Process (FCP) V2.2, particularly in contrast to previous process versions. Following the ACDR consultation and site visit, stakeholders will also have the opportunity to participate at the following stages:

Public Comment Draft Report: This version of the report contains updated scores and rationale following the ACDR consultation, site visit, client and peer review. Stakeholders will have 30 days to review the report.

Final Draft Report: This presents the draft determination on whether the fishery passes or fails, and includes any changes following the public consultation, with responses to stakeholder input. An objection to the draft determination can be submitted within the 15 working day period (more details [here](#)).

Annual surveillances: If the fishery is certified, annual surveillances will monitor progress on open conditions and check ongoing compliance with the standard – stakeholders will have the opportunity to participate annually.

If you are not on the stakeholder list for this fishery, and would like to be to ensure you are notified of the consultation opportunities, please sign up [here](#) – or contact the LR fisheries team at fisheries-ca@lr.org

Submitted by: Gillian Irvine

Date: 11/11/21

Appendix 1: Summaries of CVs of team leader and team members

Full CVs are available upon request

Appendix 2: Client certificate sharing statement

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CERTIFICATE SHARING STATEMENT

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A controlled document list of MSC program documents is available on the MSC website (msc.org).

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