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Marine Stewardship Council Surveillance Announcement

Name of Fishery	Ekofish Group-North Sea twin rigged otter trawl plaice	
Surveillance level and type	Level 3 - Offsite	
Surveillance number (tick one)	1st Surveillance	✓
	2nd Surveillance	
	3rd Surveillance	
	4th Surveillance	
	Other (expedited etc)	
Proposed Team Leader	<p>P2 & P3 Jim Andrews has over 20 years' experience working in marine fisheries and environmental management. His previous experience includes running the North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee as its Chief Executive from 2001 to 2005, and previously working as the SFC's Marine Environment Liaison Officer. During this time he was responsible for the regulation, management and assessment of inshore finfish and shellfish stocks along a 1,500km coastline. He has an extensive practical knowledge of both fisheries and environmental management and enforcement under UK and EC legislation. Jim has formal legal training & qualifications, with a special interest in the policy, governance and management of fisheries impacts on marine ecosystems. He has worked as an assessor and lead assessor on more than 20 MSC certifications within the UK, in Europe and in India since 2007. In 2008 he worked with the MSC and WWF on one of the pilot assessments using the new MSC Risk Based Assessment Framework. Jim has carried out numerous MSC Chain of Custody assessments within the UK.</p> <p>Jim has no conflict of interest in relation to this fishery.</p>	
Leadership Experience	Jim has undertaken multiple MSC surveillance and assessments in the past 5 years	
Proposed team members [remove if not applicable]	<p>P1 Dr Richard Millner has over 35 years' experience working for the UK government as an advisor on fish stocks, including wide experience of flatfish and inshore fisheries around the UK. He has been a member of ICES working groups on flatfish and demersal stocks in the North Sea and was chairman of the ICES Beam Trawl Survey Working Group. He has carried out MSC assessments and peer reviews on a number of fisheries including Hastings trammel and trawl fisheries for sole, twin-rig trawling for plaice in the North Sea and trawl fisheries for plaice and sole in the North Sea. He has published widely on flatfish fisheries, and the biology and growth of flatfish.</p> <p>Richard has no conflict of interest in relation to this fishery.</p>	

Local Context	English is widely spoken in The Netherlands Both Jim and Richard have had assignments in the region in the last 10 years.
Traceability	Jim Andrews has completed the MSC traceability module in the last
RBF	Jim Andrews has completed the RBF training.
Audit/review time and location	This audit is scheduled to take place in the week commencing 26 th May.
Assessment/ review activities	All relevant data, progress on the Client Action Plan and progress on the 12 open conditions (4 conditions multiplied over 3 UoCs)

Stakeholder Comment

If you would like to submit comments or information for consideration by the assessment team, please do so by **12th June 2017**, giving the following:

- » your name and contact details;
- » your association with the fishery;
- » the issues you would like to highlight.

The MSC provide guidance and templates for stakeholder contribution which can be found here:

<https://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders>

Submitted by: Billy Hynes

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Appendix 1: Surveillance frequency (if amended since PCDR)

Table 4.1 : Surveillance level rationale

Year	Surveillance activity	Number of auditors	Rationale
1	Off-Site Audit	2 Offsite	The 4 open conditions (PI 1.1.2, PI 1.2.2, PI 2.3.1, PI 2.3.3) don't indicate a practical need for the on-site surveillance indicated in the published final report. Progress on all open conditions can be tracked through ICES working group reports and the clients reports

Table 4.2: Timing of surveillance audit

Year	Anniversary date of certificate	Proposed date of surveillance audit	Rationale
1	4 th April 2017	Wc 26 th June 2017	Timing of availability due to conflicting meetings

Table 4.3: Fishery Surveillance Program

Surveillance Level	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Level 3	Off-Site	Off-Site	Off-Site	On-Site (possible re-assessment)