

## **A third site visit scheduled for the MSC assessment of the Joint demersal fisheries in the North Sea and adjacent waters**

ME Certification Ltd (MEC) would like to inform stakeholders that the assessment team believe a third site visit would be beneficial to this assessment. This site visit has been scheduled to take place at the following location: Sveriges Fiskares PO (SFPO), Fiskets Hus, Fiskhamngatan 33, 414 58 Göteborg on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

Assessment team members attending on behalf of MEC will be: Chrissie Sieben , Matt Doggett and Geir Honneland.

Whilst MEC and the client will make every effort to reach out and contact potential stakeholders directly, we would like to make it clear that anyone with an interest in the MSC assessment of this fishery is welcome to participate in the site visit. If this is not possible, remote meetings can also be arranged via telephone conferencing or Skype, or written submissions made to the email addresses or postal address below.

Any stakeholder wishing to participate should contact Gavin Fitzgerald ([gavin.fitzgerald@me-cert.com](mailto:gavin.fitzgerald@me-cert.com)) or Chrissie Sieben ([chrissie.sieben@me-cert.com](mailto:chrissie.sieben@me-cert.com)) at MEC.

The deadline for consultation on the proposed site visit is **17:00 GMT** on the **12<sup>th</sup> August 2017**.

Further information on this fishery can be seen on the MSC's website here: <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/joint-demersal-fisheries-in-the-north-sea-and-adjacent-waters/@@view>

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A key purpose of the site visit is to collect information and to speak to stakeholders with an interest in the fishery. For those parts of the assessment involving the MSC's Risk Based Framework (RBF) see <http://www.msc.org/about-us/standards/methodologies/fam/msc-risk-based-framework> . Please note, we will be using a stakeholder-driven, qualitative analysis during the site visit. To achieve a robust outcome from this consultative approach, we rely heavily on participation of a broad range of stakeholders with a balance of knowledge of the fishery. We encourage any stakeholders with experience or knowledge of the fishery to participate in these meetings.

Please note that comments should be factual and should be supported by data or other evidence. Comments may remain unattributed. Furthermore, information that cannot be shared with any other stakeholder will not be referenced in the assessment and cannot be used in determining the outcome of the fishery's assessment nor used as a basis for an objection. Information can be kept confidential if it is restricted to financial transactions about certification, the financial affairs of individual companies or information that may lead to this information being known, or information that is the subject of relevant national privacy or data protection legislation in the assessed fishery's country.