



**EKOFISH GROUP
NORTH SEA (ICES IVB) TWIN RIGGED OTTER TRAWL PLAICE FISHERY**

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd

**Announcement of Determination and
Release of Final Report for Stakeholder Consultation**

Following a 30 day period of comment on the Draft Report, the independent Governing Board of the certification body, Moody Marine Ltd, has reviewed the report of the assessment team, the reports of the Peer Review panel and all stakeholder comments.

The Determination reached by Moody Marine is that the Ekofish Group twin rigged otter trawl plaice fishery (as defined in the accompanying report) should be certified according to the Marine Stewardship Council Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fisheries.

The Final Report relating to this assessment is now available on the MSC's website.

Please note that this is a determination, not a final certification result. This fishery is therefore not certified until the final consultation period has been concluded.

There is now a 15 working day period during which a party may lodge a statement of intent to object on either merit grounds (if the party has previously provided input to the assessment team) or procedural grounds (if any party has been prevented from earlier participation in the assessment process). A description of the grounds for objection can be found in the MSC Objections Procedure, on the MSC's website (www.msc.org).

Additionally, any party (regardless of prior participation) may file briefs in support of a Merit Objection.

Any intent to file an Objection should first be addressed to Dr Andrew Hough at Moody Marine Ltd, and copied to the MSC's Chief Executive, by **May 21st 2009, 6pm GMT**.

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