

<u>Estonia North East Arctic cold water prawn fishery – Re-assessment</u>

Marine Stewardship Council Certification Certification Body: DNV GL Business Assurance

Announcement: Release of Final Report for Stakeholder Comment

DNV GL is pleased to announce that following the 30 day period of stakeholder comment on the Public Comment Draft Report, the Assessment team at DNV GL has reviewed the report which includes the stakeholder comments.

The scope of certification covers the cold-water prawn (*Pandalus borealis*) fishery targeted in the Barents Sea; FAO statistical area 27, ICES divisions Ia,b and IIb, using bottom trawl as harvesting method.

The Final Report for this re-assessment is now available on the MSC website: https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/estonia-north-east-arctic-cold-water-prawn-fishery/@@assessments

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 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). Additionally any party (regardless of prior participation) may file support of a merit objection.

A description of the Grounds for Objection is available in the MSC Objections Procedure on https://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders, where stakeholders also can find the MSC Notice of Objection Form with procedural instructions.

Intent to file an Objection should be addressed to DNV GL contact person and copied to MSC's Chief Executive at objections@msc.org by **5 PM GMT on 9 October 2018**.

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