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Marine Stewardship Council Surveillance Announcement

Name of Fishery	Samherji Icelandic cod & haddock trawl & longline	
Surveillance level and type	Surveillance level 3, off-site surveillance audit	
Surveillance number (tick one)	1st Surveillance	Onsite
	2nd Surveillance	
	3rd Surveillance	
	4th Surveillance	
	Other (expedited etc)	
Proposed Team Leader	• •	

Proposed team members [remove if not applicable]

P1 Offsite Mr John Nichols is a retired UK government fisheries biologist with 42 years research experience in plankton ecosystems in the North Atlantic specializing in the taxonomy of North Atlantic & NW European plankton including phytoplankton, micro and meso-plankton, ichythoplankton and young fish.. He has been a member of ICES working groups on herring, mackerel, horse mackerel, sardine and anchovy assessments; and mackerel and horse mackerel egg surveys. He was also a member of ICES study groups on herring larval surveys and plankton sampling.

He was scientist in charge of numerous research vessel surveys for fish stock assessment purposes and directly involved in the assessment of pelagic and western demersal fish stocks from 1994 to 2000.

He has been involved in the publication of over fifty scientific papers and reports more than half of which have been in peer reviewed journals, and the publication of two fish egg and larvae identification keys.

Since retirement from his government post he has participated in more than 27 different fisheries MSC assessments as the Principle 1 expert plus the reassessments of many of those fisheries Those assessments include the Thames estuary herring, PFA North Sea Herring, NEA mackerel and Atlanto-Scandian herring, Hastings Fleet Dover sole, the north —east coast of England bass fishery, the SW mackerel hand line fishery, Portuguese sardine, a Newfoundland herring fishery, Canadian Pacific sablefish, various Norwegian and Swedish pelagic fisheries, Faroese and Norwegian saithe fisheries, Faroese, Russian and Norwegian Arctic cod and haddock fisheries and a North Sea plaice and sole fishery. He has also been a peer reviewer for numerous MSC certification reports by various Certification bodies and has also carried out two MSC pre-assessments and numerous annual audits.

In 2010 he delivered a lecture on The Importance of a Fisheries Interaction with the Ecosystem in the MSC Certification Process' at an international Safe Seas conference in Portugal.

In 2014 he successfully completed the four module MSC on line training course, passed the exam and was certified in the role of an MSC Fishery Assessment Team Leader

Elected as a Fellow of the Society of Biology in July 2014.

P3 Onsite Asgeir Danielsson received Fil. Kand. degree from University of Uppsala, Sweden, in 1974. He received M.Sc. in Economics from London School of Economics in 1981 and Ph.d. in Economics from Manchester University in 1985.

He worked at the National Economic Institute 1987-2002. This institute was the main provider of economic analysis and forecasts for the government and for the public in Iceland. From 1989 he worked on fisheries and fish processing, collecting and analyzing prices, costs and firms' accounts and making forecasts on profitability and economic conditions. Dr Danielsson participated in the working group (chaired by Brynjólfur Bjarnason) on catch rules that published reports in 1993 and 1994 and suggested the catch rule for cod that was adopted by the Icelandic government in 1995. As an economist at the National Economic Institute he worked on analysis of the Icelandic quota management system for the committee on the natural resources (Auðlindanefnd, chaired by Jóhannes Nordal) that finalized its report in 2000 and also for the committee for reviewing the quota system (Endurskoðunarnefnd, chaired by Friðrik Már Baldursson) that finalized its report in 2001. Dr Danielsson also participated in the working group on catch rules that finalized its report to the Minister of Fisheries in 2004 and he was commissioned to lead the committee's work on the analysis of outcome of the catch rule that was adopted in 1995. The recommendations of this group led to the modifications of the catch rule for cod that were made by the Minister of Fisheries in 2007.

Audit/review time and location	Since 2003 he has been working in the Central Bank of Iceland on macroeconomic issues, forecasts and analyzing monetary matters. The last three years he has been the head of forecasting and research at the bank. Dr Danielsson worked as Principle 3 expert in a MSC assessment team on cod, haddock and wolfish in Icelandic waters during 2010-2011. The assessment was done for the sales organization Sæmark Seafood Ltd., Iceland. 08/July 2015 in Reykjavik
Assessment/ review activities	Review of all relevant data, progress on Client Action Plan and the four open Conditions

Stakeholder Comment

We expect to conduct any meetings as required during week commencing 06/July in Reykjavik. We may be able to meet with stakeholders as appropriate. If you would like to talk to the assessors, please advise us of your interest by 26th June 2015, giving the following:

- » your name and contact details;
- » your association with the fishery;
- » the issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation).

Submitted by: Billy Hynes

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