



## **Faroe Islands North East Arctic Cod Fishery**

### **Marine Stewardship Council Certification**

**Certification Body: Det Norske Veritas**

### **Announcement of Determination and Release of Final Report for Stakeholder Comment**

**Det Norske Veritas (DNV) announces that following the 30 day period of stakeholder comment on the Public Comment Draft Report the Certification team at DNV Certification AS has reviewed the report which includes the Peer reviewer comments and all stakeholder comments.**

DNV's certification team has reached the Determination that the Faroe Islands North East Arctic Cod (*Gadus Morhua*) fishery targeted in ICES areas I and II within Norwegian and Russian EEZ and International waters (FAO area 27) using demersal trawl as harvesting method (as defined in the accompanying report) should be certified according to the Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fisheries set by the Marine Stewardship Council.

The Final Report for this assessment is now available on the MSC website. 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 [www.msc.org](http://www.msc.org)

Intent to file an Objection should be addressed to DNV contact person and copied to MSC's Chief Executive by **15:00 GMT on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

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