



Norwegian Spring Spawning Herring Purse-Seine and Pelagic Trawl Fisheries

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd

Peer Review Timescale

Peer Review of the draft report for the above fisheries is now underway. This review process is due for completion by **19 December 2008**.

On completion, the draft reports will be updated to take account of peer review comments and shall then be provided for stakeholder comment. Peer review reports shall be appended to the draft report.

The peer reviewers carrying out the review are:

Dr Stephen Lockwood. Stephen is an independent marine environment consultant and chairman of the Welsh Minister's fishing industry consultation group. Until 1999 he was Head of the UK Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food laboratory at Conway, which undertook research and development work in the fields of fish and shellfish cultivation, and the environmental effects of fishing. At a personal level, he was responsible for providing advice to MAFF policy divisions, and through them to ministers, across the broad field of coastal zone management. Previously, he led research and providing scientific advice on the conservation of fish stocks and the management of fisheries, including the Western mackerel stock, Celtic Sea and Bay of Biscay Demersal fisheries, Pilchard (*Sardina pilchardus*) stocks and Western English Channel herring and sprats. He has published on stock assessment, fishery management and coastal development issues.

Dr Graham Pierce. Graham is a Reader in Zoology at the University of Aberdeen, and currently holds the Marie Curie Chair at the Centro Oceanográfico de Vigo, Instituto Español de Oceanografía. His current research is mainly in marine biology and fisheries in the NE Atlantic, particularly the ecology of marine mammals and cephalopods, but also on biodiversity, aquaculture, coastal zone management, and the distribution and ecology of fish in the Mediterranean and SW Atlantic. He has co-ordinated three European research projects on marine mammal ecology (bioaccumulation of contaminants, fishery by-catch) and two on cephalopod biology and fisheries. His research group has worked on habitat modelling for a range of marine species and he has published approximately 130 papers in peer-reviewed journals. In addition, he is Secretary of the European Cetacean Society, a Council member of the Cephalopod International Advisory Council and Member and former Chairman of the *International Council for the Exploration of the Seas Working Group on Cephalopod Fisheries and Life History* and member of the *ICES Working Group on Marine Mammal Ecology*.