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Year 2 Annual Surveillance Audit Euronor / Compagnie des Peches St Malo cod and haddock fishery and

Year 4 Annual Surveillance Audit

Euronor saithe fishery

MacAlister Elliott and Partners Ltd. (MEP) hereby announces that the second annual surveillance audit for the Euronor / Compagnie des Peches St Malo cod and haddock fishery is scheduled to take place simultaneously with the fourth annual surveillance audit for the Euronor saithe fishery on the 3rd April 2014.

The Euronor and Compagnie des Pêches St. Malo northeast Arctic cod (*Gadus morhua*) & haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*) fishery received MSC Certification on the 16th April 2012.

The Euronor demersal otter trawl fishery for saithe (*Pollachius virens*) from the North Sea and Northeast Arctic stocks received MSC Certification on the 10th March 2010.

The surveillance audits will examine whether the client group is satisfactorily addressing the fishery's certification conditions and whether any significant changes have occurred either in the physical environment or in the management of the fisheries.

Please note that this will be a remote audit as opposed to an on-site audit, based on the argument that these fisheries are low-risk and that all information required for the surveillance audit can be provided remotely. The respective variation requests and MSC's responses can be found here:

http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/arcticocean/comapeche_euronor_cod_haddock/assessment-downloads

http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/north-eastatlantic/euronor-saithe/assessment-downloads

The proposed auditing team will be composed of Dr. Jo Gascoigne and Chrissie Sieben. Dr Gascoigne was lead auditor during the initial assessments for both fisheries. Due to reduced availability of the experts who were part of the initial assessment teams, it is proposed that Chrissie Sieben conducts the audits with Dr. Gascoigne. Chrissie Sieben conducted the Year



2 and 3 Surveillance Audits for Euronor saithe, as well as the Year 1 Surveillance Audit for Compagnie des peches st malo and Euronor cod and haddock.

Should stakeholders wish to meet the audit team in person this can be arranged.

MEP is happy to receive comments from stakeholders on the surveillance audits or the proposed team. Please note that comments should be factual and should be supported by data or other evidence.

Any stakeholder who wishes to submit comments should contact Chrissie Sieben or Tim Anderton-Tyers at MEP

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