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Final Report (FR)

Schleswig-Holstein blue shell mussel fishery On behalf of the Erzeugerorganisation Schleswig-Holsteinischer Muschelfischer e.V.

MEC Certification Ltd (MEC) announces that following the 30-day period of stakeholder comments on the Public Comment Draft Report, the Final Report for this fishery has now been published.

MEC's Final Report concludes that the Schleswig-Holstein blue shell mussel fishery by the Erzeugerorganisation Schleswig-Holsteinischer Muschelfischer e.V. should be certified according to the Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fisheries as set by the Marine Stewardship Council.

Please note that this is a second version of the Final Report for the Schleswig-Holstein blue shell mussel fishery. Due to stakeholder concerns about the fishery's certification, a meeting was held with all relevant and interested stakeholders to mediate this. All stakeholders agreed to the change in this process. MEC's local P3 assessor and the WWF stakeholder contact liaised closely regarding the reporting progress and publication timing of the new version. As a result of this process, a variation request was submitted to and accepted by the MSC to reduce the final report objection period to 5 working days.

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 5 working days has been concluded. In this period a party may lodge either a Procedural Objection or a Merits Objection. A description for the Grounds of Objection is available in the MSC Objections Procedure on www.msc.org.

Intent to file an Objection should be addressed to the Independent Adjudicator at objections@msc.org and copied to the MSC. The deadline for this consultation is **17:00 GMT, 13th October 2016**.

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