

Norway North East Arctic saithe fishery – Re-assessment

Marine Stewardship Council Certification Certification Body: DNV GL Business Assurance

Announcement: Release of Public Comment Draft Report

DNV GL is pleased to announce that the draft report on the MSC certification reassessment of the Norway NEA saithe fishery is now available for comments by stakeholders.

The scope of certification is:

Species: North East Arctic saithe (pollachius virens)

Harvesting method: Danish seine, purse seine, demersal trawl, gillnets and hooks & lines.

Location: North East Arctic Ocean, Norwegian EEZ ICES Sub-areas I and II/FAO statistical area 27.

Stakeholders are invited to comment on the factual contents of the report, either in relation to the specific sections of the report or specific scoring indicators. Comments should be clearly related to specific report sections or scoring indicators. Any recommendations or criticisms should be supported with data or literature citations so that the assessment team can evaluate these comments.

Please use **"MSC template for stakeholder input v1"** for submission of your comments. The template can be downloaded from the link: https://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/forms-and-templates/template-for-stakeholder-input-into-fishery-assessments-v2.0/view

Following receipt of comments from stakeholders, DNV GL will consider all available information and make a determination on whether the fishery should be certified. Following this determination, the final report will be made available.

The report is available at the MSC website: https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/norway-north-east-arctic-saithe/@@assessments

Comments on the report should be forwarded, before 5 PM GMT on April 6th, 2018

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