

Marine Stewardship Council Fishery Announcement

Name of Fishery	New Zealand Deepwater Group hake, hoki, ling and southern blue whiting
Assessment number	First re-assessment
Reduced re-assessment (Y/N)	Yes
Statement that the fishery is within scope	The fishery has been through preliminary checks and is confirmed as meeting the scope requirements in CR2.0 FCR 7.4.
Certificate sharing statement	All fishers targeting the stock, using the specified gear and operating under the management regime have been included in the assessment and, as such, may become eligible to join the client group under a certificate sharing agreement.
Estimated Length of Full Assessment & Timeline	Aimed certification date – June 2018. Public Comment Draft Report Expected March 2018. A full timeline is available with the assessment downloads.
Name of proposed Team Leader	<p>Paul Knapman – Paul is based in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada and has recently returned to Fisheries Consultancy. He was the General Manager of Intertek Fisheries Certification a Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) that focused their work on Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) fisheries and chain of custody assessment / certification. He has extensive experience of MSC related work having been the Lead Assessor / Auditor and/or technical reviewer for 50+ client fisheries throughout the world. He was previously Head of an inshore fisheries management organization in the UK, a senior policy advisor to the UK government on fisheries and environmental issues, a British Fisheries Officer and a fisheries consultant to clients in Europe and Canada.</p> <p>Paul has passed MSC training and has no Conflict of Interest in relation to this fishery.</p>
Leadership Experience	Paul Knapman has undertaken multiple MSC surveillance and assessments in the past 5 years

Name(s) of proposed assessors	<p>Robert O'Boyle (P1) - Robert O'Boyle received his B.Sc. and M.Sc. from McGill and Guelph Universities in 1972 and 1975 respectively. He was with Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography (BIO) in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia during 1977 - 2007. During this time, he conducted assessments of the region's fish resources (e.g. herring, capelin, cod, haddock, pollock, flatfishes, sharks). He headed the Marine Fish Division, with responsibility for the research programs and assessment-related activities of over 80 scientific and support staff. He subsequently coordinated the regional science advisory process for fisheries resources and ocean uses and as Associate Director of Science, managed science programs at the regional and national level. He has been involved in a number of national and international reviews, ranging from resource assessment and management to science programs. He is currently president of Beta Scientific Consulting Inc. (betasci.ca) which provides technical review, analyses and assessment of ocean resources and their management. Projects have included analyses and assessments of forage species (e.g. Atlantic Herring, Gulf and Atlantic Menhaden), deepwater species (e.g. Scotian Shelf Cusk) and endangered species (e.g. Atlantic Leatherback Turtles). He has been and is currently the principle one or two expert for a number of MSC certifications (e.g. BC Dogfish, Nova Scotia, US and Australian Swordfish, Barents Sea Cod, Haddock, and Saithe, North Sea and Baltic Sea Haddock and Danish Plaice, Deepwater Black Scabbardfish, Blue Ling, and Roundnose Grenadier, Russian Pollack and US West Coast groundfish) and is a member of the MSC's Peer Review College. He has been the chair and / or reviewer of numerous stock assessments and has prepared special reports on ocean management issues for government, industry and NGO groups. He was a member of the Scientific and Statistical Committee of the New England Fisheries Management Council during 2008-2016. He pursues research related to resource and ocean management and assessment and has published over 100 primary papers, special publications and technical reports. Recent projects include the impact of climate change on New England groundfish assessments, the trophic dynamics of the Eastern Scotian Shelf ecosystem, the impact of fish migrations on assessed fishery selectivity patterns, risk analysis in data poor assessments and the interaction of cod and grey seals in the Northwest Atlantic. Bob has passed MSC training and has no Conflict of Interest in relation to this fishery.</p>
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	<p>Rob Blyth-Skyrme (P2) - Rob has broad fisheries and environmental science, management and policy knowledge, having gained over nearly 20 years of postgraduate work in the marine field. Rob previously led the marine fisheries and aquaculture work of Natural England, the UK Government's statutory advisor on nature conservation in England. Rob has also worked as Deputy Chief Fishery Officer for the Eastern Sea Fisheries Joint Committee, co-managing the activities of a staff of 16 Fishery Enforcement, Research and Environment Officers. He has been involved in assessing numerous MSC fisheries. Rob has passed MSC training and has no Conflict of Interest in relation to this fishery.</p> <p>Jo Akroyd (P3) - Jo is a fisheries management and marine ecosystem consultant with extensive international and Pacific experience. She has worked at senior levels in both the public and private sector as a fisheries manager and marine policy expert. Jo was with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in New Zealand for 20 years. Starting as a fisheries scientist, she was promoted to senior chief fisheries scientist, then Fisheries Management Officer, and the Assistant Director, Marine Research. She was awarded a Commemoration Medal in 1990 in recognition of her pioneering work in establishing New Zealand's fisheries quota management system. Among her current contracted activities, she is involved internationally in fishery certification of offshore, inshore and shellfish fisheries as Fisheries Management Specialist and Lead Assessor for the Intertek Fisheries Certification audit team. She has carried out the Marine Stewardship Council's (MSC) certification assessment for sustainable fisheries. Examples include New Zealand (hoki, southern blue whiting, albacore, scallops), Fiji (longline albacore) Japan (pole and line tuna, flatfish, snowcrab, scallops), China (scallops), and Antarctica (Ross Sea tooth fishery). Jo has passed MSC training and has no Conflict of Interest in relation to this fishery.</p>
Local Context	<p>English is widely spoken in New Zealand.</p> <p>Jo has had assignments in the region in the last 10 years.</p>
Traceability	Rob, Jo and Paul have completed the MSC traceability module in the last 4 years.
RBF	Rob, Jo and Paul have completed have completed the RBF training.
Assessment tree to be used	Default tree V1.3

Site visit	<p>The site visit will take place during the week commencing 17th July 2017 in Wellington, New Zealand.</p> <p>The MSC provide guidance and templates for stakeholder contribution which can be found here:</p> <p>https://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders</p>
Tree modifications & stakeholder consultation	N/A

We expect to conduct any meetings as required during week commencing 17th July 2017 in Wellington, New Zealand. We may be able to meet with stakeholders as appropriate. If you would like to talk to the assessors, please advise us of your interest by **1st July 2017**, giving the following:

- » your name and contact details;
- » your association with the fishery;
- » the issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation).

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Appendix 1: Client certificate sharing statement

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Appendix 2: Reduced Re-assessment

Required where a reduced re-assessment is announced.

The announcement shall include a rationale for reduced re-assessment as set out in FCR 7.24.7 using Table 4.1 below.

Table 4.1: Reduced Re-assessment Evaluation

Criteria 1	Yes/No	Rationale
Fishery was covered under previous certificate or scope extension	Yes	The fisheries being re-assessed have already been certified and are covered under previous certificates.
Criteria 2	Yes/No	Rationale
No conditions remain after 3 rd surveillance audit	Yes	There are no open conditions.
Criteria 3	Yes/No	Rationale
Standard related stakeholder comments have been addressed by 3 rd surveillance	Yes	Stakeholders comments have all been addressed.