

Marine Stewardship Council Surveillance Announcement

Name of Fishery	Dutch Oyster Association oyster	
Surveillance level and type	<p>Level 5, On-site surveillance audit & re-certification site visit.</p> <p>The certification anniversary date for this fishery is 28th February 2013 and ideally the year 4 surveillance should have taken place in March 2017. However, due to the fishery transferring CABs from Acoura Marine to ME Certification Ltd., the resulting certificate transfer and issues with client availability, an unavoidable delay has occurred.</p>	
Surveillance number (tick one)	1st Surveillance	
	2nd Surveillance	
	3rd Surveillance	
	4th Surveillance	X
	Other (expedited etc)	
Proposed Team Leader	<p>Chrissie Sieben (Team Leader)</p> <p>Chrissie Sieben has a Master's Degree in Marine Environmental Protection which she obtained at the University of Wales, Bangor. She is the MSC Fisheries Scheme Manager at MEC and specialises in marine and fisheries ecology, marine environmental impact assessment and sustainable fisheries. Previous to joining MEC, she worked as a fisheries consultant for MacAlister Elliott and Partners (MEP), where she worked on a number of projects including the application of WWF Common Methodology to wild capture and aquaculture fisheries for the WWF Hong Kong 'Good Fish Guide', Sustainable fisheries in the Trilateral Wadden Sea, acted as Fisheries Liaison for the London Gateway Project and carried out socio-economic characterisations and impact assessments of commercial fisheries for coastal developments. Prior to her work at MEP, she worked inter alia as a marine ecologist on environmental impact assessments (EIAs) and completed an internship with the Global Environment Facility / UNDP International Waters Programme. She is a fully qualified MSC Team Leader with particular expertise in Principle 2 and is involved in MSC full assessments, pre-assessments and fishery surveillance audits. Chrissie participates regularly in MSC CAB training sessions and workshops and has received in-depth Risk-Based Framework training. Within MEC she has also worked as a Chain of Custody auditor.</p> <p>Chrissie will act as the Team Leader for this assessment and will be responsible for ensuring that the Version 2 Certification Requirements are being met at every stage of the assessment process.</p>	
Proposed team members [remove if not applicable]	<p>Dr Michael Bell</p> <p>Dr Bell has 24 years' experience as a research scientist, including 17 years in fisheries, where his research has focused on assessment, monitoring and management of sustainable fisheries and the ecological consequences of marine fisheries. Mike is currently Research Associate at the International Centre for</p>	

	<p>Island Technology at the Heriot-Watt University in Orkney providing research, teaching and consultancy on sustainable fisheries.</p> <p>Previous professional experience includes; stock assessment peer reviews, MSC assessments, Chair of the ICES Working Group on Nephrops Stocks, Scientific Advisor for Orkney Sustainable Fisheries, developing stock assessments & Fishery Improvement Projects for brown crab and researching crustacean and scallop fishery dynamics, and outside expert reviewer for stock assessments and science in support of fishery management in USA (scallops, surf clams, ocean quahogs, blue crab, Alaska crabs, short-finned squid, Caribbean reef fish, New England groundfish) and Ireland (cockle, crab, shrimp). Mike has also provided workshops on generalized linear modelling techniques, age-based stock assessments and mark-recapture modelling techniques.</p> <p>Mike will assist Chrissie in the preparation and completion of the surveillance assessment report.</p>
Audit/review time and location	The site visit is scheduled to take place in Yerseke, The Netherlands, on the 22nd / 23rd August 2017.
Assessment/review activities	<p>During the audit, MEC will communicate with the client and any relevant stakeholders and use any available up to date information to assess and review;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any changes to the fishery and its management including those to management systems, regulation and relevant personnel assessments; Any changes to the scientific base of information such as stock; Any developments or changes within the fishery impact may impact on traceability and the ability to segregate MSC from non-MSC products; <p>Any other significant changes in the fishery.</p>

ME-Certification Ltd. (MEC) hereby announces the commencement of the re-assessment for the above fishery.

The site visit is scheduled to take place in Yerseke, The Netherlands, on the 22nd / 23rd August 2017.

We encourage any stakeholders with experience or knowledge of the fishery to participate in these meetings. All interested stakeholders should contact Gavin Fitzgerald (gavin.fitzgerald@mecert.com) or Chrissie Sieben (chrissie.sieben@me-cert.com) at MEC by email, telephone or post at the below number and address:

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Should any stakeholder wish to meet the team in person, this can be arranged. Remote meetings can also be arranged via telephone conferencing or Skype, or written submissions made to the above-mentioned email addresses. Please note that comments should be factual and should be supported

by data or other evidence. Comments may remain unattributed. Furthermore, information that cannot be shared with any other stakeholder will not be referenced in the assessment and cannot be used in determining the outcome of the fishery's assessment nor used as a basis for an objection. Information can be kept confidential if it is restricted to financial transactions about certification, the financial affairs of individual companies or information that may lead to this information being known, or information that is the subject of relevant national privacy or data protection legislation in the assessed fishery's country.

Submitted by: Gavin Fitzgerald, MSC Fisheries Officer

Date: 20th July 2016

Deadline for stakeholder comment: **17:00 GMT, 19th August 2017**