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Marine Stewardship Council Surveillance Announcement

Name of Fishery	Pelagic Freezer-Trawler Association North Sea herring	
Surveillance level and type	Exceptional Review Of Information.	
Surveillance number (tick one)	1st Surveillance	
	2nd Surveillance	
	3rd Surveillance	
	4th Surveillance	
	5th Surveillance	✓
	Other (expedited etc)	The Fishery certificate was extended through a variation (here) and the timing means that a 5th surveillance is appropriate.
Proposed Team Leader	**P2 & P3** Jim Andrews has over 20 years' experience working in marine fisheries and environmental management. His previous experience includes running the North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee as its Chief Executive from 2001 to 2005, and previously working as the SFC's Marine Environment Liaison Officer. During this time, he was responsible for the regulation, management and assessment of inshore finfish and shellfish stocks along a 1,500km coastline. He has an extensive practical knowledge of both fisheries and environmental management and enforcement under UK and EC legislation. Jim has formal legal training & qualifications, with a special interest in the policy, governance and management of fisheries impacts on marine ecosystems. He has worked as an assessor and lead assessor on more than 20 MSC certifications within the UK, in Europe and in India since 2007. In 2008 he worked with the MSC and WWF on one of the pilot assessments using the new MSC Risk Based Assessment Framework. Jim has carried out numerous MSC Chain of Custody assessments within the UK.	
Proposed team members *[remove if not applicable]*	**P1** Mr John Nichols is a retired UK government fisheries biologist with 42 years research experience in plankton ecosystems in the North Atlantic specializing in the taxonomy of North Atlantic & NW European plankton including phytoplankton, micro and meso-plankton, ichythoplankton and young fish. He has been a member of ICES working groups on herring, mackerel, horse mackerel, sardine and anchovy assessments; and mackerel and horse mackerel egg surveys. He was also a member of ICES study groups on herring larval surveys and plankton sampling. He was scientist in charge of numerous research vessel surveys for fish stock assessment purposes and directly involved in the assessment of pelagic and western demersal fish stocks from 1994 to 2000. He has been involved in the publication of over fifty scientific papers and reports	

	more than half of which have been in peer reviewed journals, and the publication of two fish egg and larvae identification keys. Surveillance Announcement - Version 3.0 (09/04/15) Since retirement from his government post he has participated in more than 27 different fisheries MSC assessments as the Principle 1 expert plus the reassessments of many of those fisheries Those assessments include the Thames estuary herring, PFA North Sea Herring, NEA mackerel and Atlanto-Scandian herring, Hastings Fleet Dover sole, the north –east coast of England bass fishery, the SW mackerel hand line fishery, Portuguese sardine, a Newfoundland herring fishery, Canadian Pacific sablefish, various Norwegian and Swedish pelagic fisheries, Faroese and Norwegian saithe fisheries, Faroese, Russian and Norwegian Arctic cod and haddock fisheries and a North Sea plaice and sole fishery. He has also been a peer reviewer for numerous MSC certification reports by various Certification bodies and has also carried out two MSC pre-assessments and numerous annual audits. In 2010 he delivered a lecture on The Importance of a Fisheries Interaction with the Ecosystem in the MSC Certification Process' at an international Safe Seas conference in Portugal. In 2014 he successfully completed the four module MSC on line training course, passed the exam and was certified in the role of an MSC Fishery Assessment Team Leader. Elected as a Fellow of the Society of Biology in July 2014.
Audit/review time and location	This review will be undertaken following the site visit in the first week of May with the report being published in June.
Assessment/ review activities	All relevant data on the status of the fishery

If you would like to submit comments or information for consideration by the assessment team, please do so by 15th May, giving the following:

» your name and contact details;
» your association with the fishery;
» the issues you would like to highlight.

The review of information will be published between the 1st June and 30th June.

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Appendix 1: Surveillance frequency (if amended since PCDR)

1. The report shall include a rationale for any reduction from the default surveillance level following FCR 7.23.4 in Table 4.1.
2. The report shall include a rationale for any deviations from carrying out the surveillance audit before or after the anniversary date of certification in Table 4.2
3. The report shall include a completed fishery surveillance program in Table 4.3.

Table 4.1 : Surveillance level rationale

Year	Surveillance activity	Number of auditors	Rationale
1	Eg. Off-Site Audit	Eg 2 Offsite	Eg.The open conditions (PI 1.1.2, PI 1.1.2, PI 3.2.1, PI 3.2.5) don't indicate a practical need for the on-site surveillance indicated in the published final report. Progress on all open conditions can be tracked through ICES working group reports and Regional Management reports.
2			
3			
4	On-Site (possible re-assessment)	3 Onsite	4th surveillance is expected to coincide with re-assessment site visit

Table 4.2: Timing of surveillance audit

Year	Anniversary date of certificate	Proposed date of surveillance audit	Rationale
1			Lack of availability of complete original team and sourcing an appropriate team composition.
2			
3			
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Table 4.3: Fishery Surveillance Program

Surveillance Level	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Level 3	Eg. Off-Site	Eg. Off-Site	Eg. Off-Site	On-Site (possible re-assessment)