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Northern Ireland Pelagic Sustainability Group (NIPSG) Irish Sea-Atlantic mackerel, WOS herring & NS herring

Certification Body: Acoura Marine Ltd

New Information Consultation Period

The CR1.3: 24.2.3 allows for a period of 9 months between last on-site assessment (site visit) and the publication of the Public Comment Draft Report. The Northern Ireland Pelagic Sustainability Group (NIPSG) Irish Sea-Atlantic mackerel, WOS herring & NS herring fishery assessment has been delayed by extensive harmonisation discussions in relation to the mackerel fishery and the 9 months elapsed on 6 November 2015. Acoura now have draft PCDR.

As per MSC CR1.3: 24.2.3.2a Acoura hereby open a 30 calendar day consultation period (day zero is the date this notice was posted on MSC.org) to provide stakeholders the opportunity to submit any new information in relation to this fishery. The assessment team will then consider the new information in relation to the assessment (see CR1.3: 24.2.3.3 for more information on the actions to be undertaken). A PCDR will then be published on MSC.org).

The MSC provides a set of guidelines and templates to assist in the transfer of information between stakeholders and Certification Bodies. These should be used for any comments you wish to make on this or any other stage of the assessment process and can be found here:

<http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders>

Should you wish to submit comments please complete the relevant section and return it to us **no later than 17:00 GMT on 21st January 2016.**

Comments should be sent to:

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