



**Pelagic Freezer-Trawler Association
 Atlanto-Scandian Herring Pelagic Trawl Fishery**

MSC Certification

Surveillance Audit: 3rd-5th June 2014, IJmuiden, Netherlands

Following certification of this fishery, we are now continuing the process of annual surveillance audits. These audits have two principal functions:

1. To review any changes in the management of the fishery, including regulations, key management or scientific staff, or stock evaluation
2. To evaluate the progress of the fishery against any Conditions of Certification raised during the Main Assessment

During the audit, or at separate meetings, we shall be speaking with representatives of the fishery and fishery management organisations. We expect to carry out meetings on **3rd-5th June 2014**.

Meetings will be held in **IJmuiden** and other locations **in the Netherlands** and attended by Audit Team members detailed below. Details of the team members' experience is summarised overleaf.

Jim Andrews	Lead Auditor Principle 2 Principle 3	On site
John Nichols	Principle 1 Principle 2	On site

Should you have any information on this fishery that you feel should be considered in the assessment, please contact us. We may be available to meet with stakeholders as appropriate. If you would like to arrange a meeting with the assessment team, please advise us, by **1700 BST on the 29th May 2014**, of:

- a) your name and contact details
- b) your association with the fishery
- c) the issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation)
- d) where and when you would like to meet

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Audit Team Members:

Both of the auditors conducting this surveillance audit were members of the team that conducted the original assessment of this fishery. Their relevant experience is summarised below.

Dr Jim Andrews.

Jim 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. Jim has been involved in the review of several MSC certification assessments including the South-West Mackerel Handline Fishery, Loch Torridon Nephrops, Burry Inlet Cockles, North Sea Herring and South Georgia Patagonian Toothfish. He has worked as an assessor and lead assessor on 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.

John Nichols.

John Nichols is a retired UK government fisheries biologist with 43 years research experience in plankton ecosystems in the North Atlantic. 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. He has also recently taken part in assessments of the PFA North Sea Herring, Hastings Fleet Dover sole, herring and mackerel fisheries and SW mackerel fishery re-assessment with Moody Marine.

Full CVs of the team members are available on request from IFC.