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Marine Stewardship Council Surveillance Announcement

Name of Fishery	Germany North Sea Saithe Trawl	
Surveillance level and type	<i>Reduced surveillance category – Onsite site visit</i>	
Surveillance number (tick one)	1st Surveillance	
	2nd Surveillance	✓
	3rd Surveillance	
	4th Surveillance	
	Other (expedited etc)	
Proposed Team Leader	<p>Jim Andrews P2 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.</p>	
Proposed team members [remove if not applicable]	<p>Mike Pawson P1 Mike has 45 years experience as a fisheries scientist carrying out biological research and providing expert advice in relation to fish stock assessment and fisheries management and regulation to the UK government and the EC. Between 1974 and 1980, Mike initiated and led of acoustic surveys on blue whiting and mackerel west of UK and trawl surveys in the North Sea, worked as UNESCO expert with the Libyan fisheries laboratory 1979 to 1981, and from 1980 – 1990 initiated and managed Cefas' coastal fisheries programme. From 1990 – 2002 Mike led the Western demersal team comprising 17 scientific and technical staff providing analytical assessments and management advice for 12 finfish stocks, including Saithe on the West coast of the UK. Mike was chairman of ICES Southern Shelf Demersal Stock Assessment Working Group 1996-98, Sea Bass Study Group 2000-04 and Elasmobranch Study Group 2001-02, and initiated and</p>	

	<p>co-ordinated EC-funded multi-national projects on methods for egg-production stock biomass estimation in Irish Sea (cod, sole, plaice:1995 & 2000), biogeographical identity of English Channel fish stocks, bio-economic modelling of Channel fisheries, development of assessment methods for elasmobranchs, marine recreational fishing etc. Between 2002 and 2007, Mike directed and managed monitoring and assessment of England and Wales salmonid and eel stocks. In 2007, Mike retired from his post as the senior advisor to the UK government on salmonid and freshwater fisheries, and marine inshore fisheries, but continues to act as scientific consultant, including specialist input to MSC assessments (14 to date) and peer review of research papers, project applications and MSC assessments (45 to date).</p> <p>Thomas Rainer P3</p> <p>Mr. Rainer Thomas (MSc) is a fisheries biologist with over 30 years' experience in marine and freshwater fisheries research / aquaculture management in Germany, Suriname, Nigeria, Indonesia, Bulgaria, Bangladesh, Georgia and Uganda. He has worked on stock assessments in the North Atlantic and Baltic Sea for both pelagic and demersal species, as well as participating in international multi-disciplinary research cruises. In Suriname, Nigeria and Indonesia he worked with universities and the national Governments to design an oceanography institute building, develop fish stock assessment procedures, and to implement aquaculture techniques between 1981 and 1992. From 1992 until 2003 he worked on fisheries and environmental research projects (e.g. herring migration) at the University of Kiel, and lectured in training courses on fish stock assessment procedures to postgraduate students. He acted as liaison officer for the diplomatic formalities for the German Research vessels at the Institute of Marine Science (IFM Kiel today GEOMAR) and was responsible for the logistics of the research cruises. For the German Carl Duisberg Centre in Hamburg he made several international project evaluations for oceanography scholarship students. He provided feasibility studies on sport fishing for the WWF and for the GFA Consulting Group on a production line for fish sauce in Poland. More recently he has been working as a freelance consultant providing advice on aquaculture management within the EU. He worked as a consultant for trout farms in Bulgaria and Georgia in 2011 / 2014 and was responsible for training staff in Tilapia aquaculture in Bangladesh and Uganda 2012 / 2015. He was involved in several audits of a saithe fishery (MSC certification) and completed a peer review for a proposal of a herring fishery certification.</p>
<p>Audit/review time and location</p>	<p>The site visit will be onsite in Germany during the week beginning the 22nd February 2016.</p>
<p>Assessment/review activities</p>	<p>To review any changes in the management of the fishery, including stock evaluation, regulations, and changes in key management or scientific staff. There are no open conditions for this fishery.</p>

Stakeholder Comment

We expect to conduct any meetings as required during week commencing 15th February 2016 in Cuxhaven, Germany. 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 **8th February 2016**, 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).

Submitted by: Polly Burns
Date: 18th December 2015

Appendix 1: Surveillance frequency (if amended since PCDR)

Table 4.2: Timing of surveillance audit

Year	Anniversary date of certificate	Proposed date of surveillance audit	Rationale
2	8 th October 2015	22 nd February 2016	The certificate anniversary date coincided with the transfer process between CABs and planning could not start until this had completed.
3	8 th October 2016	8 th October 2016	
4	9 th October 2017	8 th October 2017	

Table 4.3: Fishery Surveillance Program

Surveillance Level	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Reduced	Review of new information	Onsite	Review of new information	On-Site (possible re-assessment)