

# **MARINE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL**

## **INDEPENDENT ADJUDICATION**

### **IN THE MATTER OF**

#### **JOINT DEMERSAL FISHERIES IN THE NORTH SEA AND ADJACENT WATERS**

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#### **DECISION OF THE INDEPENDENT ADJUDICATOR**

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1. On 16 May 2019, I issued a decision in these proceedings to the objector, the NGO Consortium, that letters of authority should be provided from each of the six organisations that make up the NGO Consortium, setting out that they are part of the NGO Consortium and who had authority to represent each organisation.
2. I have received those letters today, 22 May 2019, confirming that all six organisations are members of the NGO Consortium and participate in the objection. Each organisation has designated a person with authority for the purposes of these proceedings.
3. I would be grateful if the six organisation could confirm with the paralegal that Aafke Brader, of the WWF Netherlands will lead in terms of communicating on behalf of the NGO Consortium.
4. My decision of 16 May 2019, can now be issued alongside this decision and I further direct as follows:
  - a. Pursuant to PD 2.4.7.1 the MSC shall post the Notice of Objection, as amended, on their website forthwith;

- b. The fishery client and any stakeholder who participated in the fishery assessment process (other than the NGO Consortium) may file written representations on matters raised in the Notice of Objection and if they choose to do so, they shall file those in accordance with PD 2.4.8. namely by 14 June 2019;
- c. Pursuant to PD 2.5.1 the CAB, CUP shall comply with the requirements of PD 2.5.1.1 to PD 2.5.1.4, namely by 21 June 2019.

**John McKendrick QC**  
**Independent Adjudicator**  
**22 May 2019**