



## **Norges Sildesalgslag**

### **Norwegian Spring Spawning Herring Purse-Seine and Pelagic Trawl Fisheries**

#### **Marine Stewardship Council Certification**

**Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd**

#### **Announcement of Main Assessment**

We are pleased to announce that the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) fishery certification assessment is underway for the above Norwegian Spring-Spawning Herring Fisheries. This assessment will evaluate these fisheries for compliance with the international Standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries produced by the MSC. The certification body contracted to assess these fisheries is **Moody Marine**.

The fisheries under assessment are based on the Norwegian Spring-Spawning Herring (a.k.a. Atlantoscandic Herring) Stock, fished by purse seine and pelagic trawl gear. The fisheries take place throughout the North East Atlantic in EEZ's of Norway, Russia, Iceland, EU and Faroe Islands; Jan Mayen Fisheries Zone and Svalbard Fisheries Protection Zone and International waters. The client for the assessment is the Norges Sildesalgslag.

Initially, Moody Marine seeks to open a dialogue with all organisations or individuals with a direct interest in this fishery. Anyone wishing to provide comments or information to the assessment process (in terms of the status of the stock, ecosystem interactions or fishery management practices) is invited to contact Moody Marine.

The expert team working with Moody Marine on these fisheries will be the same as for the Norwegian North Sea and Skagerrak Fisheries – i.e. **Alf Håkon Hoel**, **John Nichols** and **Graham Pilling**. Lead assessor will be **Andrew Hough**, Moody Marine, UK and Project Coordinator will be Sandhya Chaudhury, Moody Scandinavia.

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