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Final Report

Netherlands Blue Shell Mussel (Bottom and Suspended Culture) Fishery

MEC Certification Ltd (MEC) is pleased to announce that following the thirty (30) day period of stakeholder comments on the Public Comment Draft Report (PCDR), the Final Report (FR) for this fishery has now been published on the MSC website and can be seen here:

<https://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/north-east-atlantic/netherlands-blue-shell-mussel/re-assessment-downloads-1>

MEC's Final Report (FR) concludes that the Netherlands Blue Shell Mussel (Bottom and Suspended Culture) Fishery should be certified according to the Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fisheries as set by the Marine Stewardship Council.

The Final Report for this assessment is now available on the MSC website. Please note that this is a determination and not a final certification result. The fishery is not certified until the final consultation period of 15 working days has been concluded. In this period a party may lodge either a Procedural Objection or a Merits Objection. A description for the Grounds of Objection is available in the MSC Objections Procedure on www.msc.org.

Intent to file an Objection should be addressed to the Independent Adjudicator at objections@msc.org and copied to the MSC by 17:00 GMT on the 6th October 2016.

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