



**Norwegian Fishing Vessel Owners Association (Fiskebat)**

**North Sea Saithe Trawl Fishery  
North Sea Saithe Gill-Net Fishery  
North Sea Saithe Purse-Seine Fishery**

**Marine Stewardship Council Certification**

**Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd**

**Announcement of Main Assessment  
21 February 2006**

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

The fisheries under assessment are based on the North Sea stock, ICES area IV. Three gear types are used (trawl, gill-net and purse-seine) and according to the MSC certification methodology, these are therefore described as separate fisheries. The fisheries are managed under an EU-Norway agreement. Although separate fisheries, the assessments will be carried out in parallel.

Initially, Moody Marine seeks to open a dialogue with all organisations or individuals with a direct interest in these fisheries. 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.

We are also in the process of assembling an assessment team of individuals with experience of stock assessment, ecosystem interactions and fishery management appropriate to this fishery. Any nominations of suitable individuals are also welcomed.

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