

ISF Norwegian & Icelandic herring trawl and seine

Stakeholder Notification of Fishery Withdrawal

For

Norwegian spring spawning herring trawl

IMPORTANT NOTE

During the most recent re-assessment, the fishery was split into two distinct components:

1. Norwegian spring spawning herring trawl

The re-assessment of the Norwegian spring spawning herring component has not been completed and the certificate (Certificate code: MSC-F-30021) expired on 30 December 2020.

2. Icelandic summer spawning herring trawl and seine

The re-assessment of the Icelandic summer spawning herring component has been completed and that component has been re-certified (Certificate code: MSC-F-31464; expiry date: 12 November 2025).

This notification applies to the Norwegian spring spawning herring component ONLY.

It has no impact on the Icelandic summer spawning herring component which will remain certified according to relevant MSC requirements.

Global Trust Certification wishes to notify stakeholders that the fishery is withdrawing from the MSC fisheries assessment process. The re-assessment process has not been completed before the certificate expiring date of 30 December 2020. The assessment team determined that Performance Indicators 1.2.2 Harvest Control Rules & Tools and 3.2.2 Decision making processes scored below 60 which resulting in the fishery failing Principles 1 and 3. Consequently, the assessment team concluded that the fishery does no longer meets the requirements of the MSC Standard. ISF confirmed their decision to withdraw the fishery rather than completing the re-assessment being aware that the fishery will not be re-certified.

Global Trust Certification reminds ISF not to sell any fish originating from that component and caught after the certificate expiry date as MSC-certified.

Fish caught prior to certificate expiry may continue to be sold after the certificate expiry date as MSC certified if Global Trust Certification can confirm the certificate holder's ability to segregate fish based on date of capture.

We would like to extend our thanks to all stakeholders who have participated in the re-assessment of this fishery.

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