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Astrid Fiske North Sea Herring fishery

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: Food Certification International Ltd

Use of Default Assessment Tree

FCI propose to use the default assessment tree (as set out in the MSC Certification Requirements (CR) Annex CB) in the independent evaluation of this fishery.

All stakeholders are now invited to comment or provide feedback on this proposed usage of the default assessment tree. **Any such comments must reach us by 17:00 GMT on 12th July 2012.**

Please note: Any claim/s regarding the suitability or otherwise of the proposed assessment tree for this fishery assessment should be accompanied by objective evidence in support of the aforementioned claim/s.

Comments must be made as specific as possible to individual Performance Indicators and Scoring Guideposts, and their potential for scoring this particular fishery against the MSC Sustainable Fisheries standard (the Principles and Criteria).

The MSC provides a set of guidelines and templates to assist in the transfer of information between stakeholders and Certification Bodies. These should be used for any comments you wish to make on this or any other stage of the assessment process and can be found here:

<http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders>

More information regarding the default assessment tree is available in Annex CB to the MSC Certification Requirements, available through this link:

<http://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/msc-scheme-requirements>

Alternately, these documents can be provided on request from FCI using the contact details given below.

Comments should be sent in the first instance to:

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