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### **Remote Site Visit Notification**

#### **Mussel translocation into the Oosterschelde from The Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, UK and Ireland**

MacAlister Elliott and Partners Ltd. (MEP) is undertaking a modified full MSC assessment for the translocation of mussels into the Oosterschelde from MSC certified mussel fisheries in The Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, UK and Ireland. The translocation activities are carried out by the *Members of the Vereniging van Importeurs van Schelpdieren and Producenten Organisatie voor de Nederlandse Mosselcultuur UA*, the clients for this assessment. As part of the modified full MSC assessment process (see <http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/in-assessment/north-east-atlantic/mussel-translocation-into-the-oosterschelde/assessment-downloads>), a remote site visit will replace the on-site audit. MEP hereby announces that a remote site visit is scheduled to take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact Vicki Gravestock at [vicki.gravestock@macalister-elliott.com](mailto:vicki.gravestock@macalister-elliott.com) or Chrissie Sieben at [chrissie.sieben@macalister-elliott.com](mailto:chrissie.sieben@macalister-elliott.com) by email or telephone at the above number. Should any stakeholder wish to meet the team in person, this can be arranged. Remote meetings can also be arranged via telephone conferencing or Skype, or written submissions made to the above mentioned email addresses.

Please note that comments should be factual and should be supported by data or other evidence. Comments may remain unattributed. Furthermore, information that cannot be shared with any other stakeholder will not be referenced in the assessment and cannot be used in determining the outcome of the fishery's assessment nor used as a basis for an objection. Information can be kept confidential if it is restricted to financial transactions about certification, the financial affairs of individual companies or information that may lead to this information being known, or information that is the subject of relevant national privacy or data protection legislation in the assessed fishery's country.

The deadline for consultation is **17:00 GMT on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015.**

