

## MARINE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

<b>Name of Fishery</b>	Faroe Islands Silver Smelt Fishery										
<b>Assessment number</b>	First re-assessment										
<b>Reduced re-assessment (Y/N)</b>	N. The fishery does not qualify for a reduced re-assessment [FCR 7.24.6].										
<b>Statement that the fishery is within scope</b>	The fishery entering re-assessment meets the scope requirements in FCR 7.4 for MSC fishery assessments [FCR 7.8.3.1].										
<b>Certificate sharing statement</b>	Not applicable.										
<b>Estimated Length of Re-assessment &amp; Timeline</b>	<p>The re-assessment is expected to be completed and certification awarded if the assessment result is positive by 29 August 2017.</p> <p>Projected dates for key reports:</p> <table> <tr> <td>2017-02-01</td> <td>Preliminary Draft Report</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2017-03-15</td> <td>Peer Review Draft Report</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2017-05-15</td> <td>Public Comment Draft Report</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2017-07-10</td> <td>Final Report</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2016-08-29</td> <td>Public Certification Report</td> </tr> </table>	2017-02-01	Preliminary Draft Report	2017-03-15	Peer Review Draft Report	2017-05-15	Public Comment Draft Report	2017-07-10	Final Report	2016-08-29	Public Certification Report
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<b>Name of proposed Team Leader</b>	<p><b>Anna Kiseleva - DNV GL Team-leader and Chain of Custody responsible</b></p> <p>Anna is a senior assessor and a Global service responsible for MSC Fisheries at DNV GL Business Assurance. She holds MSc degree in International fisheries management from the University of Tromsø and MSc degree in Business Management from Murmansk State Technical University. She has over 10 years of experience in the global seafood industry incl. assessment services, consultancy and project management. She is an experienced project management with proven ability to lead cross-disciplinary teams. She has been involved in the delivery of the MSC Fisheries assessment services since 2008. She was a team leader for the client's fisheries currently undergoing re-assessment since 2013. Anna's qualifications meet the competence criteria defined in the MSC Certification requirements v.2.0, annex PC, for the Team-Leader and Chain of custody responsible. She passed MSC Fisheries team leader training course, including traceability module for CR v. 1.3 and v.2.0. She has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</p>										

<p><b>Name(s) of proposed assessors</b></p>	<p><b>Hans Lassen – Principle 1 expert</b></p> <p>Hans Lassen is an independent consultant. He holds a cand. scient. (M.Sc.) from Copenhagen University (1969) and a HD (B.Sc.) from the Copenhagen Business School (1978). His background is in fish stock assessments, particularly in the application of computers and models. He joined the Danish Institute of Fisheries and Marine Research (DIFRES) in 1971. 1988-1992 he worked in the Greenland Fisheries Research Institute as Deputy Director and Director and returned to DIFRES in 1992. Between 1998 and 2003 he was in charge of the Fisheries Group in the ICES Secretariat as Fisheries Adviser who serves as secretary to the ICES Advisory Committee on Fishery Management. After 2004 he was head of the ICES Advisory Programme within the ICES Secretariat. He retired from the ICES secretariat in 2010 and has since worked as a private consultant on projects within his expertise. He has been a member and Chairman of numerous ICES committees and groups, has within the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization chaired STACFIS and the Scientific Council, been a member of STECF (EC, DG Fish), scientific adviser to Danish delegations to fisheries negotiations and chaired an internal EC expert group to provide input to the EC Multi-annual Guidance Program, within the Nordic Council of Ministers he chaired its Working Group on Fisheries and worked with the FAO/DANIDA project (1982-1998) on teaching fish stock assessment. In 2006 he was awarded the prestigious Swedish prize "Kungsfenan" for contributions to communication between science and the fishing industry. At his retirement from ICES he was awarded a Special Service Award. He is author and co-author of more than 30 peer reviewed papers. Hans has been part of the several MSC Fisheries assessment teams in the last years and Principle 1 responsible for the assesment of Greenland cod, haddock and saithe in the Barents Sea.</p> <p>He meets the competence criteria in the MSC Certification requirements v.2.0, annex PC, concerning knowledge of the country, language and local fishery, and has substantial and appropriate skills related to Principle 1. He is trained as a team member, incl. RBF, according to v. 2.0 and team leader according to v. 1.3. Hans has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</p>
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**Andy Hough - Principle 2 expert**

Following three years PhD research on crustacean ecology, Andy has worked in the field of marine research and management for over twenty years, including marine conservation biology, fishery impacts on marine ecosystems, marine and coastal environmental impact assessment and policy development.

Andrew has been active in the development of Marine Stewardship Council certification since 1997, when involved in the pre-assessment of the Thames herring fishery. He was a founding Director of Moody Marine and led the establishment of Moody Marine fishery certification systems. He has also worked with MSC on several specific development projects, including those concerned with the certification of small scale/data deficient fisheries. He has been Lead Assessor on many fishery assessments to date. This has included Groundfish (e.g. cod, haddock, pollock, hoki, hake, flatfish), Pelagics (e.g. tuna species, herring, mackerel, sprat, krill, sardine) and shellfish (molluscs and crustacea); included evaluation of the environmental effects of all main gear types and considered many fishery administrations including the North Atlantic, South Atlantic, Pacific, Southern Ocean and in Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand, Japan, China, Vietnam and Pacific Islands. He has recently acted solely as an expert team member of Principle 2 inputs of European inshore fisheries and Falkland Islands Toothfish. Andrew has also been involved in the development of certification schemes for individual vessels (Responsible Fishing Scheme) and evaluation of the Marine Aquarium Council standards for trade in ornamental aquarium marine species. Consultancy services have included policy advice to the Association of Sustainable Fisheries, particularly with regard to the implications of MSC standard development, and assistance to fisheries preparing for, or engaged in, MSC assessment.

He meets the competence criteria in the MSC Certification requirements v.2.0, annex PC and has substantial and appropriate skills related to Principle 2. He is trained as a team leader according to v. 2.0 and v. 1.3. Andy has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.

	<p><b>Geir Hønneland - Principle 3 and country expert</b></p> <p>Geir Hønneland is Research Director of the Fridtjof Nansen Institute in Oslo, Norway, and adjunct professor at the University of Tromsø, Norway. He holds a Ph.D in political science from the University of Oslo and has primarily studied international fisheries management (with a main emphasis on compliance issues), international environmental politics and international Arctic politics more widely. Among his recent books are Arctic Politics, the Law of the Sea and Russian Identity (Palgrave, 2014), Making Fishery Agreements Work (Edward Elgar, 2012), International Environmental Agreements (Routledge, 2011), Arctic Politics and International Cooperation (Routledge, 2007) and Law and Politics in Ocean Governance: The UN Fish Stocks Agreement and Regional Fisheries Management Regimes (Martinus Nijhoff, 2006). He worked in the Norwegian Coast Guard from 1988 to 1994, where he was certified as fisheries inspector. Geir also has a wide range of evaluation and consultancy experience, e.g. for the FAO and OECD, relating to responsible fisheries management.</p> <p>He has been involved in MSC assessments since 2009 (covering cod, haddock and herring fisheries in the Northeast Atlantic and krill in the Southern Ocean). He has also wide experience as peer reviewer, including for shrimp fisheries in the North-East Atlantic and for other Swedish fisheries.</p> <p>He meets the competence criteria in the MSC Certification requirements v.2.0, annex PC, concerning knowledge of the country, language and local fishery, and has substantial and appropriate skills related to Principle 3. He is trained as a team leader according to v. 1.3 and v.2.0.</p> <p>Geir has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</p>
<p><b>Assessment tree to be used</b></p>	<p>The default assessment tree contained in the MSC Fisheries certification requirements v1.3 will be applied to the re-assessment of this fishery.</p>
<p><b>Site visit</b></p>	<p>Site visit is a key step to evaluate the Performance Indicators and Scoring Guideposts in the MSC Methodology and to collect information regarding the fishery and in particular to speak to representatives of the fishery, fishery management and environmental management bodies.</p> <p>Should you have any information on this fishery that you feel should be considered in the assessment, please advise us. Recommendations of new stakeholders are also welcome.</p> <p><b>The assessment team will meet in Torshavn, Faroe Islands during 10 -14 October 2016.</b></p> <p><b>If you would like to talk to the assessors, please advise us of your interest by 5 PM GMT on 6 October 2016</b>, giving the following details:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Name and company, together with contact information;</li> <li>2. Your association with the fishery;</li> <li>3. The issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation)</li> <li>4. Suitable venue and time for a meeting.</li> </ol> <p>Please submit this information to Anna.Kiseleva@dnvgl.com, and you will be contacted as soon as possible.</p> <p>Further information regarding the Marine Stewardship Council Methodology is available at the MSC website <a href="http://www.msc.org">http://www.msc.org</a>.</p>

**Tree modifications  
& stakeholder  
consultation**

No modifications are suggested to the default tree.

DNV GL seeks to open a dialogue with all organizations or individuals with a direct interest in this fishery. Anyone wishing to provide comments or information to the re-assessment process (in terms of the status of the stocks, ecosystem interactions or fishery management practices, other) is invited to contact DNV GL.

Please use the "MSC template for stakeholder input v2" for submission of your comments. The template can be downloaded from the MSC website: <https://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/forms-and-templates/template-for-stakeholder-input-into-fishery-assessments-v2.0/view>

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