



Norwegian North East Arctic and North Sea Saithe Fisheries

MSC Certification

Surveillance Audit Postponement

Following certification of this fishery, the process of annual surveillance audits shall soon be commencing.

The surveillance audits shall be transferred to an alternate Certification Body and so to allow contracts etc to be agreed, a delay in the timing of the surveillance audit has been agreed with MSC. The audit shall now be completed, and the report made available, by **1 September 2009**.

These audits shall have two principal functions:

1. To review any changes in the management of the fishery, including regulations, key management or scientific staff or stock evaluation
2. To evaluate the progress of the fishery against any Conditions of Certification raised during the Main Assessment

During the audit, the Surveillance Team shall be speaking with representatives of the fishery, fishery management and environmental management bodies.

Further communication with stakeholders shall be made on this in the near future.

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