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Scottish Pelagic Sustainability Group Ltd
North Sea Herring – Scottish mid-water RSW pelagic trawl fleet
Marine Stewardship Council Certification
Certification Body: Food Certification International Ltd

Announcement of Determination and Release of Final Report for Stakeholder Consultation

The independent Governing Board of Food Certification International has reviewed the report of the assessment team, the reports of the peer reviews and all stakeholder input received during the assessment of the SPSG North Sea Herring – Scottish mid water RSW pelagic fishery.

The Determination reached by the Governing Board is that the SPSG North Sea Herring – Scottish mid water RSW pelagic fishery **SHOULD** be certified according to the MSC Principles and Criteria.

The Final Report relating to this assessment is now available on the MSC website. Please note that this is a determination, not a final certification result. This fishery is therefore not certified, nor is it able to use the MSC's logo on any products until the final consultation period has been concluded.

There is now a 21 day period during which any party that disagrees with this determination, and which has previously provided input to the assessment team, may send a written statement of intent to lodge an objection. Any party(s) wishing to object may lodge an objection on Merit and/or Procedural grounds. A description of the grounds for objection can be found in the MSC Objections Procedure, on the MSC's web site (www.msc.org).

Additionally, any party (regardless of prior participation) may file briefs in support of a Merit Objection.

Any intent to file an objection should first be addressed to Ms. Melissa McFadden at Food Certification International Ltd., and copied to MSC's Chief Executive, **by 9th July 2008**

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