



Bristol Channel Bass Trawl Fishery

Announcement of Determination and Release of Final Report for Stakeholder Consultation

Following a 30 day period of comment on the Public Certification Report, the independent Governing Board of the certification body, Moody Marine Ltd, has reviewed the report of the assessment team, the reports of the Peer Review panel and all stakeholder comments.

The Determination reached by Moody Marine is that the Bristol Channel Bass Trawl Fishery SHOULD NOT be certified according to the MSC Principles and Criteria.

The Final Report relating to this assessment is now available on the MSC's website.

Please note that this is a determination, not a final certification result until the final consultation period has been concluded.

There is now a 15 working-day period during which a party may lodge a statement of intent to object on either merit grounds (if the party has previously provided input to the assessment team) or procedural grounds (if any party has been prevented from earlier participation in the assessment process). A description of the grounds for objection can be found in the MSC Objections Procedure, on the MSC's website (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 Dr Jim Andrews at Moody Marine Ltd, and copied to the MSC's Chief Executive, by **1700 BST on 5th September 2011**.

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