

MSC Assessment
Bristol Channel Sea Bass Trawl Fishery

Advisory:

- 1. Revised Assessment Schedule**
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1. Revised Timescale

A notice advising of changes to the timescale for the assessment of this fishery was issued in November 2009. This notice advises of a further change to the timescale for this assessment. The revised timescale is set out in the table on page 2 of this notice.

Stakeholders are advised that the assessment team has considered the latest information on stock status for this fishery and has been involved in dialogue with the client and stakeholders which has resulted in a delay in progress.

2. Confirmation of Peer Review Team

The Peer Review team for this assessment was proposed in September 2010. Comments on the composition of the peer review team have been received from stakeholders. These comments have been carefully considered by Moody Marine. We have concluded that it is appropriate to confirm the assessment team that was proposed in September.

The peer reviewers carrying out the review are listed on page 3 of this notice.

3. Peer Review Timescale

Peer Review of the draft report for the above fisheries is now underway. This review process is due for completion by **22nd December 2010**.

On completion, the draft reports will be updated to take account of peer review comments and then shall be provided for stakeholder comment. Peer review reports shall be appended to the draft report.

Moody Marine seeks to maintain its dialogue with all organisations or individuals with a direct interest in this fishery. Any individuals wishing to nominate other organisations/individuals as stakeholders or to provide comments or information to the assessment process (in terms of the status of the stock, ecosystem interactions or fishery management practices) is invited to contact Moody Marine.

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Stage	Target date*	Revised date	Notes
Publicise the start of the assessment			
Announcement of assessment on MSC website	22 June 2009	22 June 2009	These steps in the assessment process were completed according to the revised schedule published in November 2009.
Assessment team			
Nominate Assessment Team members	26 June 2009	26 June 2009	
Confirm Assessment Team members	13 July 2009	26 November 2009	
Use of the Default Fisheries Assessment Methodology (FAM)			
Start of consultation period	27 July 2009	17 December 2009	
End of consultation period	26 August 2009	16 January 2010	
Assessment site visit & stakeholder meetings			
Announce site visit	07 August 2009	18 December 2009	
Carry out site visit & stakeholder meetings	06 September 2009	27 January 2010	
Peer Review			
Peer reviewers nominated	23 September 2009	15 October 2010	Progress with preparation of the client draft report was delayed by the need to gather additional information about the fishery following the site visit. Discussions with the client and consultation on the peer review team introduced further delays.
Peer reviewers confirmed	09 October 2009	01 November 2010	
Announce timescale for peer review of draft report	25 December 2009	29 November 2010	
Stakeholder review of Public Comment Draft Report			
Start of consultation period	10 February 2010	13 January 2011	
End of consultation period	12 March 2010	12 February 2011	
Stakeholder Review of Final Report			
Start of consultation period	07 April 2010	08 March 2011	
End of consultation period	22 April 2010	23 March 2011	
Issue Public Certification Report			
	30 April 2010	31 March 2011	
Target Eligibility Date for Fishery			
	12 August 2009	15 July 2010	

Notes

Dates in shaded cells highlight opportunities for stakeholder input to the assessment process.

* Dates are liable to change as the assessment progresses. If delays of more than 30 days arise, then a revised notice of the assessment schedule will be posted on the MSC website

Proposed Peer Reviewers:

Dr. David Bennett.

David Bennett has 40 years experience in fisheries research, specialising in the biology, population dynamics, and assessment of commercially exploited fish and shellfish stocks (e.g. lobsters, crabs, *Nephrops*, shrimps) the provision of national and international fisheries management advice, and fisheries aspects of environmental impact studies. He chaired the ICES Working Group on *Nephrops* stocks, has been a member of a number of ICES Working and Study Groups, and an expert for DG XIV of the EU Commission. More recently as a consultant he has been a member of the MSC teams that assessed the UK NESFC Lobster and Bass fisheries and reassessed the Loch Torridon *Nephrops* Creel Fishery. He has peer reviewed the original MSC Loch Torridon assessment, the Burry Inlet Cockle, the Vietnamese Ben Tre Clam fishery, the Southern and SFSAG North Sea *Nephrops* and SFSAG North Sea Haddock trawl fisheries, the Stornoway *Nephrops* trawl fishery, and is currently reviewing the Clyde *Nephrops* trawl and creel fisheries.

Neil Downes

Neil Downes has 30 years experience in fisheries management, specialising in the control and exploitation of marine fisheries, nationally and internationally. He has worked in the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food as a District Inspector of Fisheries during which he was involved with negotiations with DG XIV of the EU Commission. Internationally, he completed fisheries management assignments in the Falkland Islands, Mauritania, Angola, and Sierra Leone. More recently he was the Chief Fisheries Officer of Devon Sea Fisheries with responsibilities for coastal fisheries off both the North and South coasts of Devon. During his time in office he was also the Chair of Chief Fisheries Officers of England and Wales for eleven years which gave him and overview of the management of coastal fisheries with England and Wales.