

MSC Assessment
CVO (Cooperative fishery organistaion) North Sea (ICES IVa, b, c) plaice and sole fisheries using trawl and seine

We are pleased to announce that the MSC fishery certification assessment is underway for the CVO (Cooperative fishery organistaion) North Sea (ICES IVa, b, c) plaice and sole fisheries using trawl and seine. This assessment will evaluate these fisheries for compliance with the Marine Stewardship Council Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing. The certification body contracted to assess this fishery is Moody Marine.

The fishery under assessment is defined here as the CVO (Cooperative fishery organistaion) North Sea (ICES IVa, b, c) plaice and sole fisheries using trawl and seine. The client for the assessment is CVO (Cooperative fishery organistaion), Netherlands.

The provisional assessment schedule sets out the key stages and approximate timings involved. Initially, Moody Marine seeks to open a dialogue with all organisations or individuals with a direct interest in this fishery. Anyone wishing to become a consultee 'stakeholder', 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. The assessment schedule identifies future key consultation stages (marked in red). For reference, month 1 is taken to be March 2010 although the client has requested a site visit scheduled for September – October 2010. The target date for certification of the fishery is therefore 30 Apr 2011.

We are also in the process of assembling an assessment team of individuals with experience of stock assessment, ecosystem interactions and fishery management appropriate to this fishery. Any nominations of suitable individuals are also welcomed.

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