

## **HASTINGS FISHERIES MSC SURVEILLANCE AND RE-ASSESSMENT**

- 1. Dover sole trammel net fishery**
- 2. Mackerel and herring drift net fishery**
- 3. Dover sole trawl and gill net fishery**

### **Marine Stewardship Council Certification**

**Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd**

#### **RE-ASSESSMENT VARIATION – EXTENSION OF EXISTING CERTIFICATE**

It has been agreed with the client and the MSC to bring the various Hastings fishery assessments onto a common timescale. Following discussions with the MSC the existing certificates are extended until 30 Nov 2011 in order to maintain the continuity of supply from the fishery while the assessments are completed. This variation is conditional upon the following:

- the fisheries have made the improvements required by the conditions set in the current certificates;
- the fisheries continue to be compliant with the MSC standard;
- the fisheries will continue to comply with the existing certificates until the reassessment process is complete.

The current status of each of the fisheries, and proposed next stages, are set out below:

#### **1. Dover sole trammel net**

**Fishery certificate dates: 13 Oct 2005 – 12 Oct 2010**

- Surv 3 was conducted in Nov 2009 and posted on 8 Jan 2010. Surveillance 4 is currently overdue.
- Surveillance 4 will be conducted at the site visit for the reassessment which has been proposed for early 2011. The fishery certificate has been extended until 30 Nov 2011 to allow reassessment to be completed.

#### **2. Mackerel and herring drift net**

**Fishery certificate dates: 13 Oct 2005 – 12 Oct 2010**

- Surveillance 3 report (Nov 09) was completed and will be published on the MSC website early Dec 2010. Surveillance 4 is currently overdue.
- Surveillance 4 will be conducted at the site visit for the reassessment which has been proposed for early 2011. The fishery certificate has been extended until 30 Nov 2011 to allow reassessment to be completed.

#### **3. Dover sole trawl and gill-net**

**Fishery certificate dates: 7 July 2009 – 6 July 2014**

- The client has requested that this fishery undertake reassessment early to bring all Hastings fisheries onto the same timeline. MSC have agreed in principal to allow the reassessment to take place in the second year of the current certificate. Surveillance audit 1 will be undertaken in early 2011, along with the re-assessment, to ensure the fishery remains certified until the re-assessment is complete.

MML are assured by the client that these fisheries continue to operate as they were certified. The fisheries are locally important to the Hastings community but the quantities of landings are extremely low when compared to the wider fisheries persecuting each of the stocks. MML therefore consider the extension of the certificates to be a very low risk.



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