

## HASTINGS FISHERIES MSC RE-ASSESSMENT

- 1. Hastings dover sole (*Solea solea*) trawl, gill net, trammel net fisheries**
- 2. Hastings pelagic (herring and mackerel) drift net fishery**

We are pleased to announce that an MSC fishery certification reassessment is underway for the Hastings fisheries (as detailed above). These assessments 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 (MML).

The fishery under reassessment is defined here as the Hastings fisheries

1. Dover sole trawl, gill net, trammel net fishery
2. Mackerel and herring drift net fishery

The client for the reassessment is Hasting Fisheries Management Group. MML determine that these fisheries are within scope.

The provisional assessment schedule was posted on the MSC website on 14 Dec 2010 within the variation request. 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 target date for certification of the fishery is 30 Nov 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.

MML propose an assessment team consisting of the following; J. Nichols, J. Andrews, A. Hough and J Combes. The site visit for the last surveillance and for the reassessment is expected to take place during May 2011 in Hastings.

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