



HASTINGS FISHERIES:
Dover sole: trawl, gill-net and trammel-net fisheries
North Sea Herring
Mackerel

MSC Certification

Certification Body: Intertek Moody Marine

Stakeholder Consultation

This fishery is now entering the 'information gathering' stage of the assessment against the *MSC Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing*.

A key purpose of this stage is to collect information on the fishery and speak to stakeholders with an interest in the fishery under assessment.

Members of the assessment team (Andrew Hough and John Nichols) will be in Hastings on **Wednesday 27 July 2011** to meet with stakeholders.

For those parts of the assessment involving the MSC's Risk Based Framework (RBF, see <http://www.msc.org/about-us/standards/methodologies/fam/msc-risk-based-framework>), we will be using a stakeholder informed qualitative analysis during the site visit. This will include population status of retained species (other than Dover sole, herring and mackerel), population status of by-catch species, effects of fishing on habitat and effects of fishing on ecosystem structure and function

To achieve a robust outcome from this consultative approach, this analysis relies heavily on the participation of a suitably broad range of stakeholders with a good balance of knowledge of the fishery. We therefore encourage any stakeholders with experience or knowledge of the fishery to participate in these stakeholder meetings.

Should you have any further information on this fishery that you feel should be considered in the assessment, please advise us.

We will also be available over this period to meet with stakeholders. If you would like to arrange a meeting, please advise us, by **15 July** of:

- a) your name and contact details
- b) your association with the fishery
- c) the issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation)
- d) where and when you would like to meet

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We will then be in touch.

Should you wish to obtain further information on the Marine Stewardship Council, this is available on their web site at <http://www.msc.org>. As a certification body, Intertek Moody Marine has dispute resolution procedures available should these prove necessary.

Yours

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