

This is to certify that the:
PFA & SPSG North Sea herring

**Has been certified as compliant with the Marine
Stewardship Council (MSC) Fisheries Standard**

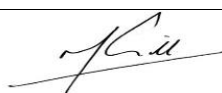
The client for the fishery is:

Pelagic Freezer-Trawler Association (PFA)
Louis Braillelaan 80, Zoetermeer, 2719 EK, The Netherlands

Scottish Pelagic Sustainability Group (SPSG)
1 Firthside Street, Fraserburgh, AB43 9AR

**This certified fishery, as defined in attached schedule, has the right to claim that
it is a “Well Managed and Sustainable Fishery” in accordance with the MSC’s
Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing**

Authorising signatory:



Managing Director, Acoura Marine

Fishery name: PFA & SPSG North Sea herring
Valid certificate number: F-ACO-0115 [Preceding certificate numbers F-ACO-0023 & F-ACO-0084]
Certificate valid from: 17/APR/2017
Certificate expiry: 16/APR/2022
Certificate identifier: F1204171111

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Acoura Marine, 6 Redheughs Rigg, South Gyle, Edinburgh EH12 9DQ, United Kingdom. fisheries@Acoura.com

Certificate schedule

UNITS OF CERTIFICATION

Definition: Target stock(s) combined with the fishing method/gear and practice (including vessel type/s) pursuing that stock, and any fleets, or groups of vessels, or individual fishing operators that are covered by the MSC fishery certificate. Note that other eligible fishers may also be included in some Units of Assessment but not initially certified (until covered by a certificate sharing arrangement).

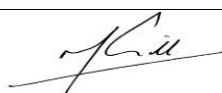
UoC 1

Species:	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)
Geographical area:	ICES divisions IV and VIId (FAO statistical area 27)
Method of capture:	Mid water trawl with cod-end mesh size greater than 32mm
Stock:	Autumn spawning stock in North Sea and Eastern Channel
Management System:	The management framework for this fishery is provided by international agreements and delivered through enforceable legislation made by the EU and by the Norwegian Government
Client Group:	PFA vessels targeting autumn spawning herring in ICES divisions IV and VIId using mid water trawl

UoC 2

Species:	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)
Geographical area:	ICES divisions IV and VIId (FAO statistical area 27)
Method of capture:	Mid water trawl with cod-end mesh size greater than 32mm
Stock:	Autumn spawning stock in North Sea and Eastern Channel
Management System:	The management framework for this fishery is provided by international agreements and delivered through enforceable legislation made by the EU and by the Norwegian Government
Client Group:	SPSG vessels targeting autumn spawning herring in ICES divisions IV and VIId using mid water trawl

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Applies to UoCs 1 & 2

Other Eligible Fishers:	Operators of other North Sea Herring Fisheries based on agreement of code of conduct and contribution to costs (to be agreed).
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Please note that whilst Units of Certification detail the full extent of what was assessed it is the full and complete Public Certification report April 2017 that precisely defines the exact nature of certification for this fishery.

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THE POINT(S) AT WHICH FISH AND FISH PRODUCTS MAY ENTER A CHAIN OF CUSTODY

Separate chain of custody certification will be required from the points of landing.

In accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 1542/2007 of 20 December 2007 on landing and weighing procedures pelagic species such as herring (and exceeding a combined volume of 10 tonnes) must be made at designated EU and non-EU landing sites, where there are appropriate facilities for recording and monitoring landings, as listed in Public Certification Report April 2017.

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THE PARTIES, OR CATEGORIES OF PARTIES, THAT ARE ENTITLED TO USE THIS CERTIFICATE TO ENTER FISH FROM THE CERTIFIED FISHERY INTO CERTIFIED CHAINS OF CUSTODY

Any vessels which are members of either the Pelagic Freezer-Trawler Association (PFA) or the Scottish Pelagic Sustainability Group (SPSG) and operating in accordance with Units of Certification are eligible to use this certificate. A list of vessels to which this applies can be found the MSC website.

Authorising signatory:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Hill".

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