

Certificate of Conformity

Acoura Marine Ltd. trading as Lloyd's Register certifies that:

PFA, SPSG, SPFPO, DFPO and DPPO North Sea Herring

is a sustainable and well managed fishery which meets the requirements set out in the:

Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Fisheries Standard

The clients for the fishery are:

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

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

Swedish Pelagic Federation Producers Organisation (SPFPO)
PO Box 2066, SE-471 11, Rönäng, Sweden

Danmarks Fiskeriforening Producent Organisation (DFPO)
Nordensvej 3, Taulov. DK-7000 Fredericia, Denmark

Danmarks Pelagiske Producentorganisation (DPPO)
Axeltorv 3, 6. - 1609 København V



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Visit the MSC Track-a-Fishery pages <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/> to validate certificate authenticity.



Unit (s) of Certification (UoC)

UoC 1

Species:	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)
Geographical area:	ICES divisions IV and VIIId (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 VIIId using mid water trawl

UoC 2

Species:	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)
Geographical area:	ICES divisions IV and VIIId (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 VIIId using mid water trawl

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).

Applies to UoC 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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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.

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. As of November 2019, vessels that are members of Swedish Pelagic Federation Producers Organisation (SPFPO), Danmarks Fiskeriforening Producent Organisation (DFPO), Danmarks Pelagiske Producentorganisation (DPPO) and operating in accordance with Units of Certification are eligible to use this certificate as Other Eligible Fishers. The gap analysis for this process can be found on the MSC Track a Fishery page.

A list of vessels to which this applies can be found on the MSC website.

The Other Eligible Fishers were previously certified under the following certificate numbers:

SPFPO: MSC-F-31390 (F-ACO-0041)

DFPO & DPPO: MSC-F-31196 (MEC-F-024)

