



Fisheries Verification Report

MSCV06

Herring (Clupea harengus)
in ICES 4 (North Sea)

Report code	MSCV06	Date of issue	June 2026
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1. Application details		
Applicant name(s)	Pelagia Karlsund Fiskemel, Pelagia Bodø Sildoljefabrikk, Pelagia Måløy Sildoljefabrikk, Pelagia Egersund Sildoljefabrikk, Pelagia Karlsund Protein AS, Prima Protein AS	
Applicant country	Norway	
2. Certification Body details		
Name of Certification Body (CB)	NSF	
Contact information for CB	Fisheries@nsf.org	
Assessor name	Ana Elisa Almeida Ayres	
CB internal peer reviewer name	Matthew Jew	
Internal peer review evaluation	Agree with evaluation	
Number of Assessment days	0.5	
Comments on the assessment	NA	
3. Approval validity	Valid from 06/2026	Valid until 06/2027
4. Assessment cycle	Initial	

5. Fishery for verification		
Recognised Fishery Standard for Verification		Marine Stewardship Council -MSC
Recognised fishery certificate details:	Fishery name:	Norway North Sea herring
	Certificate code:	MSC-F-61406
	Website reference:	https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/norway-north-sea-herring/@assessments
Validity date(s) of the fishery certification	Certificate date of issue:	30 April 2009
	Certificate expiry date:	30 January 2030

Verification scope

6. Verification scope comparison		
Fishery details	MarinTrust unit of approval	Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) unit of certification
Species	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)
Geographic area	ICES Division 4; within exclusive economic zone of Norway	• FAO area: 27 • Common name of the body of water: North Sea • Local fisheries management area: ICES Division 4; within exclusive economic zone of Norway • Stock region: North Sea
Stock definition	North Sea herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>) in Subarea 4 and divisions 3.a and 7.d, autumn spawners (North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat, eastern English Channel)	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>) in Subarea 4 and divisions 3.a and 7.d, autumn spawners (North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat, eastern English Channel)
Gear type / Harvest method	Purse seine and Pelagic Trawl	Purse seine and Pelagic Trawl
Parties currently eligible to access this certificate Fleets, individual vessels	n/a	Norges Fiskarlag on behalf of all registered vessels in the Norwegian fleet fishing within the UoC

Traceability factors	n/a	The entire Norwegian fleet in the defined geographical areas has been included in the UoC and are eligible to use the fishery certificate and sell the product as MSC certified. National and regional sales organisations (in the case of North Sea Herring, Norges Sildesalgslag) are covered by Fisheries certificate and do not require a separate CoC certification. Individual traders operating outside the official Norwegian sales organisations are not covered by MSC Fisheries certificate. North Sea Herring products can be landed at landing sites listed at https://www.fiskeridir.no/Yrkesfiske/Registregogskjema/Kjoeperregisteret
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