Application for Consent to conduct
Marine Scientific Research

Date: _03.12.2015_____

1. General Information

1.1 Cruise name and/or number: 2016843

1.2 Sponsoring Institution(s):	
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Name of Director:	Tore Nepstad

1.3 Scientist in charge of the Project:	
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2. Description of Project

2.1 Nature and objectives of the project:
IBWSS, International Blue Whiting Spawning stock Survey, coordinated by ICES. The main purpose of the cruise is the assessment of the spawning stock size, distribution and migrations of blue whiting using acoustic methods combined with sampling with pelagic trawls. The cruise is part of an international coordinated blue whiting survey with vessels from the Netherlands, Ireland, the Faroes, Norway, and Russia participating. Information on other species such as argentines, mackerel and horse mackerel is collected upon encounter.

2.2 If designated as part of a larger scale project, then provide the name of the project and the Organisation responsible for coordinating the project:
International blue whiting spawning stock survey (IBWSS), organized by the WGIPS (ICES)

2.3 Relevant previous or future research projects:
The cruise has been undertaken since spring 1986-1996, 1998-2012 and 2014-2015 with Norwegian research vessels. A similar cruise for spring 2017 is planned.

2.4 Previous publications relating to the project:

3. Geographical Areas

3.1 Indicate geographical areas in which the project is to be conducted (with reference in Latitude and longitude in decimal degrees, including coordinates of cruise/track/way points/sampling stations). Please provide coordinates in a separate excel spreadsheet.
Area of operation is the Atlantic Ocean in the area west of Scotland (Hebrides), including work inside the UK EEZ Survey area covers: 54°N - 62° N, 18°W - 02°W

3.2 Attach chart(s) at an appropriate scale (1 page, high-resolution) showing the geographical Areas of the intended work and, as far as practicable, the location and depth of sampling Stations, the tracks of survey lines, and the locations of installations and equipment.
See Fig. 1 for map of IBWSS survey area. Detailed planning with each participating vessel's survey track to be done at a later stage by the international coordinator.

4. Methods and means to be used

4.1 Particulars of vessel:	
Name:	Brennholm
Type/Class:	Hired vessel
Nationality (Flag State):	Norwegian
Identification Number (IMO/Lloyds No.):	9268655
Owner:	Brennholm AS
Operator:	Institute of Marine Research
Overall length (meters):	75.4 m
Maximum draught:	7.4 m
Displacement/Gross Tonnage:	2666 GT
Propulsion:	5060 Kw
Cruising & maximum speed:	14 / 18.5 Knots
Call sign:	LIWG
INMARSAT number and method and capability of communication (including emergency frequencies):	Telephone: 21 54 92 76/77 (mob phone: +47 906 31 552) Telefax:: +47 907 03 228 E-mail: brennholm@seamail.no
Name of Master:	Lars Anton Sandtorv
Number of Crew:	8/9
Number of Scientists on board:	6 (7)

4.2 Particulars of Aircraft:	
Name:	
Make/Model:	
Nationality (flag State):	
Website for diagram & Specifications:	
Owner:	
Operator:	
Overall Length (meters):	
Propulsion:	
Cruising & Maximum speed:	
Registration No.:	
Call Sign:	
Method and capability of communication (including emergency frequencies):	
Name of Pilot:	
Number of crew:	
Number of scientists on board:	

Details of sensor packages:	
Other relevant information:	

4.3 Particulars of Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV):	
Name:	
Manufacturer and make/model:	
Nationality (Flag State):	
Website for diagram & Specifications:	
Owner:	
Operator:	
Overall length (meters):	
Displacement/Gross tonnage:	
Cruising & Maximum speed:	
Range/Endurance:	
Method and capability of communication (including emergency frequencies):	
Details of sensor packages:	
Other relevant information:	

4.4 other craft in the project, including its use:

4.5 Particulars of methods and full description of scientific instruments to be used(for fishing gear specify type and dimension)			
Types of samples and Measurements:	Methods to be used:	Instruments to be used:	To be carried out within 12nm (yes or no):
Fish	Pelagic trawl	Multpelt 832 trawl	No
Fish larvae, eggs	Verical plankton haul	WP2	No
Water	Water collection	CTD	No

4.6 Indicate nature and quantity of substances to be released into the marine environment:
NONE

4.7 Indicate whether drilling will be carried out. If yes, please specify:
NA

4.8 Indicate whether explosives will be used. If yes, please specify type and trade name, Chemical content, depth of trade class and stowage, size, depth of detonation, frequency of Detonation, and position in latitude and longitude:
NA

5. Installations and Equipment

Details of installations and equipment (including dates of laying, servicing, method and Anticipated timeframe for recover, as far as possible exact locations and depth, and Measurements):
NA

6. Dates

6.1 Expected dates of first entry into and final departure from the research area by the research vessel and/or other platforms:
Sometime within the period 23.03 – 05.04. Timing and location of where the vessel will be is weather dependent and therefore difficult to predict.
6.2 Indicate if multiple entries are expected:
Probable.

7. Port Calls

7.1 Dates and Names of intended ports of call:
NONE

7.2 Any special logistical requirements at ports of call:
NONE

7.3 Name/Address/Telephone of shipping agent (if available):
NA

8. Participation of the representative of the coastal State

8.1 Modalities of the participation of the representative of the coastal State in the research Project:
NA

8.2 Proposed dates and ports for embarkation/disembarkation:
NA

9. Access to Data, Samples and Research Results

9.1 Expected dates of submission to coastal State of preliminary report, which should include The expected dates of submission of the data and research results:
International report within 2 months

9.2 Anticipated dates of submission to the coastal State of the final report:
International report produced by a post-cruise meeting in the end of April.

9.3 Proposed means for access by coastal State to data (including format) and samples:
NA

9.4 Proposed means to provide coastal State with assessment of data, samples and Research results:
NA

9.5 Proposed means to provide assistance in assessment or interpretation of data, samples And research results:
NA

9.6 Proposed means of making results internationally available:
All data stored in the PGNAPES database and reported to ICES within 3 months.

10. Other permits Submitted

10.1 Indicate other types of coastal state permits anticipated for this research (received or Pending):
NA

11. List of Supporting Documentation

11.1 List of attachments, such as additional forms required by the coastal State, etc.:
Figure of survey area.

Signature:

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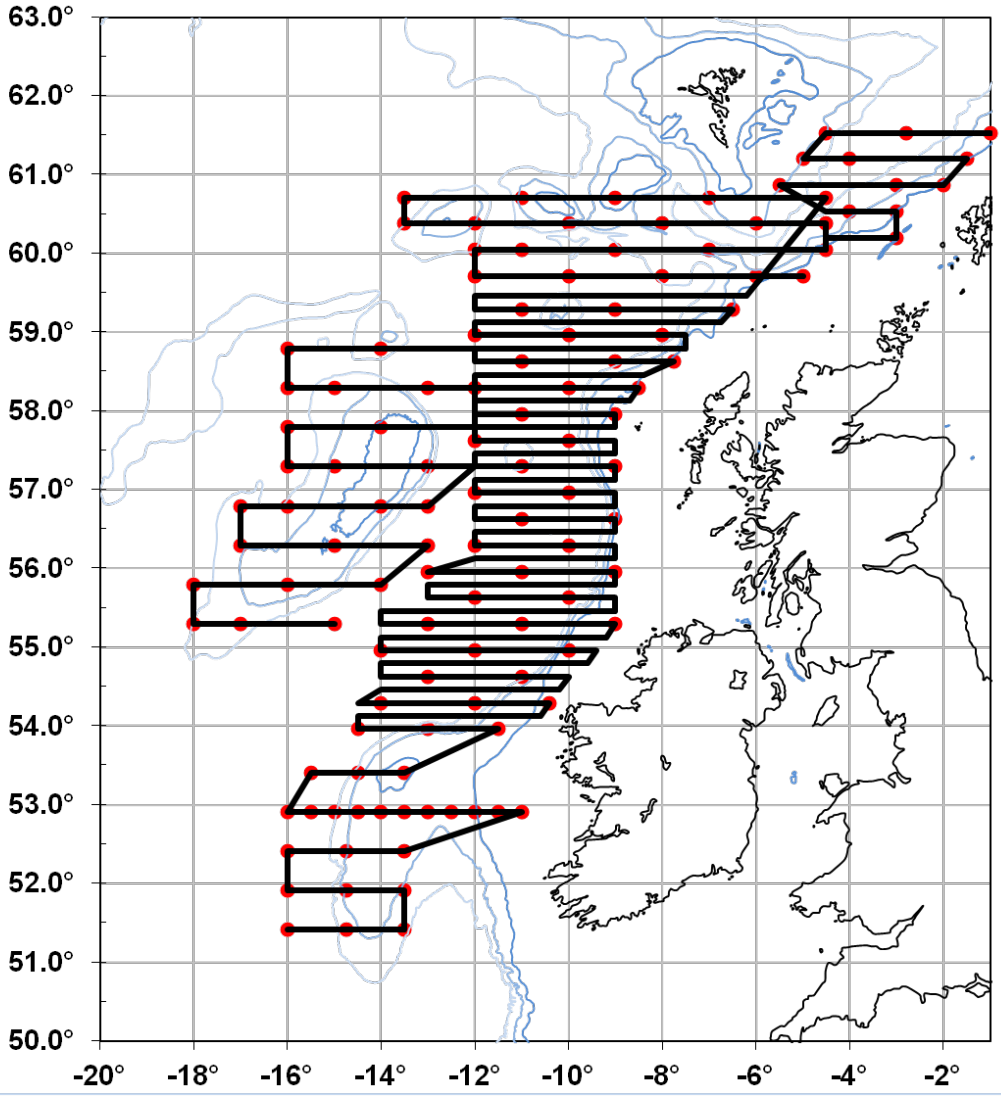

Figure 1. Preliminary survey tracks for the combined 2016 International Blue Whiting Spawning stock Survey (IBWSS).