



**Affiliation of Seafood Producers Association of Nova Scotia (ASPANS)
Scotian Shelf Snow Crab (*Chionoecetes opilio*) Trap Fishery**

**Announcement of Determination and Release of Final Report for Stakeholder
Consultation**

Following a 30 day period of comment on the Draft Report, Global Trust Certification Ltd, has reviewed the report of the assessment team, the reports of the Peer Review panel and all stakeholder comments.

The Determination reached by the certification body is that the
Scotian Shelf Snow Crab (*Chionoecetes opilio*) Trap Fishery using;

(Trap) SHOULD be certified according to the MSC Principles and Criteria

The Final Report relating to this assessment is now available on the MSC's website www.msc.org.

Please note that this is a determination, not a final certification result. This fishery is therefore not certified, nor is it able to use the MSC's logo on any products until the final consultation period has been concluded.

There is now a 15 working day period during where any party that disagrees with this determination may send a written statement of intent to lodge an objection.

A description of the grounds for objection and the procedure to follow can be found in the MSC Objections Procedure, on the MSC's website (www.msc.org/get-certified/fisheries/assessment/objections). Please ensure that a notice of objection clearly references the Client and Unit of Certification that is specific to the objection.

Any intent to file an Objection should be addressed to :-

Independent Adjudicator – MSC Objections Procedure and to the MSC's Chief Executive, Rupert Howes, at objections@msc.org or the MSC Head Office and can be copied to:

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The objection must be submitted by:

- **17.00 GMT, Thursday 5th July 2012**