

Marine Stewardship Council Surveillance Announcement

Name of Fishery	Bay of Fundy, Scotian Shelf and Southern Gulf of St Lawrence Lobster Trap Fishery	
Surveillance level and type	Surveillance level 6 (Default surveillance level), on-site audit – See Appendix 2	
Surveillance number (tick one)	1st Surveillance	
	2nd Surveillance	X
	3rd Surveillance	
	4th Surveillance	
	Other (expedited etc)	
Proposed Team Leader	Dr. Géraldine Criquet (Team leader) – Appendix 1 Géraldine was the lead assessor for the full assessment and 1 st surveillance audit of the Bay of Fundy, Scotian Shelf and Southern Gulf of St Lawrence lobster trap fishery. Géraldine is an MSC approved Fisheries Team Leader for SAI Global - experienced fishery scientist in both Finfish and Shellfish fisheries, and ecosystems considerations.	
Proposed team members [remove if not applicable]	Dr Jean-Claude Brêthes (Assessor) – Appendix 1 Jean-Claude was the Principle 1 expert for the full assessment and 1 st surveillance audit of the Bay of Fundy, Scotian Shelf and Southern Gulf of St Lawrence lobster trap fishery. His key experiences have been focused upon the dynamics and ecology of exploited species in Atlantic Canada, in particular, lobster and snow crab.	
Audit/review time and location	On-site – 6 th and 7 th April 2017 – Moncton and Halifax, Canada	
Assessment/ review activities	<p>The objectives of the surveillance audit are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To review any changes in the management of the fishery, including regulations, key management or scientific staff or stock evaluation. 2. To evaluate the progress of the fishery against any Conditions of Certification raised during the Main Assessment. 3. To review any developments or changes within the fishery which impact traceability and the ability to segregate MSC from non-MSC products. 4. To review any other significant changes in the fishery. 	

Stakeholder Input into Fishery Surveillance Assessment

MSC certification requires annual surveillance assessments of all certified fisheries. This fishery is now entering the ‘annual surveillance’ stage of the assessment against the MSC Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing. SAI Global will conduct the surveillance using MSC FCR v.2.0 (effective from April 1, 2015) for process.

A key purpose of this stage is to collect information on the fishery and in particular to speak to representatives of the fishery, fishery management and environmental management bodies.

SAI Global wishes to invite organisations or individuals with a direct interest in this fishery to make written comment or provide information relevant to the surveillance assessment process. To assist in contributing relevant information and to ensure that any contributions have maximum impact stakeholders should use the [Stakeholder Input into MSC Fishery assessments](#) template alongside the [Stakeholder's Guide to the Marine Stewardship Council](#) when providing input.

We expect to carry out most meetings over the period specified in the "Audit/review time and location" Section of the above Table during which the Assessment Team will be available for direct stakeholder meetings.

If you would like to talk to the assessors, please advise us of your interest by 29th March 2017 giving the following details:

- your name and contact details
- your association with the fishery
- the issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation)

If you not wish to be interviewed you may still submit written information to the Assessment Team by completing the aforementioned [Stakeholder Input into MSC Fishery assessments template](#).

Should you wish to obtain further information on the Marine Stewardship Council, this is available on their web site at <http://www.msc.org>.

Comments/responses should be sent to:

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Appendix 1: Surveillance Assessment Team

Dr. Géraldine Criquet (Lead Assessor)

Géraldine is an MSC approved Fisheries Team Leader for SAI Global - experienced fishery scientist in both Finfish and Shellfish fisheries, and ecosystems considerations. Géraldine holds a PhD in Marine Ecology (École Pratique des Hautes Études, France) which focused on coral reef fisheries management, Marine Protected Areas and fish ecology. She has also been involved during 2 years in stock assessments of pelagic resources in the Biscay Gulf, collaborating with IFREMER. She worked 2 years for the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD) at Reunion Island for studying fish target species growth and connectivity between fish populations in the Indian Ocean using otolith analysis. She served as Consultant for FAO on a Mediterranean Fisheries Program (COPEMED) and developed and implemented during 2 years a monitoring program of catches and fishing effort in the Marine Natural Reserve of Cerbère-Banyuls (France). Géraldine is an experienced full time MSC Lead Assessor with SAI Global, successfully leading MSC certifications and assessment teams and acting as Principle 2 expert for multiple MSC Pre, Full and Surveillance audits.

Dr. Jean-Claude Brêthes (Assessor)

Jean-Claude is a fisheries biology professional at the Institut des Sciences de la Mer at the Université du Québec à Rimouski. Previously he has held positions at Board, Chair and Director level for University undergraduate and post graduate fishery science/marine/oceanography courses, scientific advisory councils and committees for various government organizations such as the Canadian Atlantic Fisheries Advisory Council. His key experiences have been focused upon the dynamics and ecology of exploited species. In particular, Jean-Claude has conducted various projects on the ecology of snow crab, lobster and cod in locations in Atlantic Canada. He has published and presented several scientific papers in lobster fisheries in key journals and science fora and has also taken part in several MSC and related studies including lobster fisheries in this and other regions

Appendix 2: Surveillance frequency

Table 4.1 : Surveillance level rationale

Year	Surveillance activity	Number of auditors	Rationale
2	On-site audit	2 auditors, on-site	Considering that 5 conditions, Pls 1.2.2 Harvest Control Rules and Tools, 2.1.1 Retained Species Outcome, 2.1.2 Retained Species Management, 2.2.3 Bycatch Species Monitoring, and 3.2.4 Research Plan (the last one was closed at 1 st surveillance audit for UoA 1), were raised during the initial full assessment, the CAB proposes to have an on-site audit with 2 auditors on-site to ensure that all information will be collected.

Table 4.2: Timing of surveillance audit

Year	Anniversary date of certificate	Proposed date of surveillance audit	Rationale
2	26 th May 2017	4 th April 2017	To synchronise with Gaspésie lobster trap fishery and Prince Edward Island lobster trap fishery 2 nd surveillance audit.

Table 4.3: Fishery Surveillance Program

Surveillance Level	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Level 6	On-site surveillance audit	On-site surveillance audit	On-site surveillance audit	On-site surveillance audit & re-certification site visit