

Marine Stewardship Council Fishery Announcement

Name of Fishery	AQIP snow crab trap
Assessment number	Initial assessment
Reduced re-assessment (Y/N)	N
Statement that the fishery is within scope	<p>Acoura confirm that the fishery entering assessment meets the scope requirements (FCR 7.4) for MSC fishery assessments [FCR 7.8.3.1].</p> <p>A series of actions were undertaken prior to Acoura confirming this. These actions were to [FCR 7.4 and associated guidance]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that the fishery is within scope of the MSC standard, (i.e. it does not operate under a controversial unilateral exemption to an international agreement, use destructive fishing practices, target amphibians, birds, reptiles or mammals and is not overwhelmed by dispute); • Review pre-assessment reports and other information; • Confirm the proposed units of assessment and certification; • Determine if the fishery has failed an assessment within the last two years; • Determine if the certificate may be shared with fishers not initially part of the client group; • Determine if IPI stocks are caught; • Determine if the fishery is enhanced; • Determine if the fishery overlaps with another MSC certified or applicant fishery; • Determine if the fishery is based on an introduced species; and <p>Ensuring that the fishery does not include an entity that has been successfully prosecuted for violations against forced labour laws.</p>

Certificate sharing statement	<p>Applicants will be eligible to enter into certificate sharing agreement with AQIP on the basis of:</p> <p>a) Equitable sharing of internal and external costs incurred due to the assessment processes and</p> <p>b) Full compliance with the MSC Fisheries Standards and Certification Requirements, including any conditions and recommendations set for the certification and subsequent programs of corrective action to address such conditions and recommendations</p>
Estimated Length of Full Assessment & Timeline	<p>Assessment is expected to last around 12 months with expected completion by February 2020. A separate assessment timeline can be found on the MSC website.</p>
Name of proposed Team Leader	<p>Paul Knapman (P3)</p> <p>Paul is an independent consultant based in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Paul began his career in fisheries nearly 30 years ago as a fisheries officer in the UK, responsible for the enforcement of UK and EU fisheries regulations. He then worked with the UK government's nature conservation advisors (1993-2001), as their Fisheries Programme Manager, responsible for establishing and developing an extensive programme of work with fisheries managers, scientists, the fishing industry and ENGOS, researching the effects of fishing and integrating nature conservation requirements into national and European fisheries policy and legislation.</p> <p>Between 2001-2004 he was Head of the largest inshore fisheries management organisation in England, with responsibility for managing an extensive area of inshore fisheries on the North Sea coast. The organisations responsibilities and roles included: stock assessments; setting and ensuring compliance with allowable catches; developing and applying regional fisheries regulations; the development and implementation of fisheries management plans; acting as the lead authority for the largest marine protected area in England.</p> <p>In 2004, Paul moved to Canada and established his own consultancy providing analysis, advisory and developmental work on fisheries management policy in Canada and Europe. He helped draft the management plan for one of Canada's first marine protected areas, undertook an extensive review on IUU fishing in the Baltic Sea and was appointed as rapporteur to the European Commission's Baltic Sea Regional Advisory Council.</p> <p>In 2008, Paul joined Moody Marine as their Americas Regional Manager, with responsibility for managing and developing their regional MSC business. He became General Manager of the business in 2012. Paul has been involved as a lead assessor, team member and technical advisor/reviewer for more than 50 different fisheries in the MSC programme. He returned to fisheries consultancy in 2015.</p> <p>Paul has passed MSC training and has no Conflict of Interest in relation to this fishery. Full CV available upon request</p>
Leadership Experience	<p>Paul has undertaken multiple MSC surveillance and assessments in the past 5 years</p>

<p>Name(s) of proposed assessors</p>	<p>Beth Mouat (P1)</p> <p>Dr Beth Mouat has over 15 years experience in shellfish fisheries research, stock assessment and management. Through her work as Joint Head of Marine Science and Technology at the NAFC Marine Centre, she has a key role in the provision of scientific and fisheries management advice to the Shetland Shellfish Management Organisation and is Chair of their Advisory Committee. Her work also includes innovative measures to integrate the use of scientific data and knowledge in active fisheries management plans and processes. She has worked closely with Marine Scotland and Inshore Fisheries Management Groups in Scotland as they progress local management measures and is also a member of the ICES Crab Working Group. Beth has previously carried out MSC pre-assessment work for a fishery in Iceland and has been heavily involved in assisting the Shetland Shellfish Management Organisation as an MSC client in their Accreditation processes, which resulted in a world first for a multi-species accreditation and for a dredge fishery.</p> <p>Beth has passed MSC training and has no Conflict of Interest in relation to this fishery. Full CV available upon request</p> <p>Terry Holt (P2)</p> <p>Terry Holt is Technical Director of Niras Consulting Ltd with responsibility for managing marine consultancy projects, assessments and surveys. He holds a BSc. degree in Marine biology and a Ph.D. in Seaweed Cultivation. He has over thirty years' experience in seabed ecology, including shellfish ecology, marine aquaculture (both research and commercial), seabed surveys including trawl, dredge, grab, pots, camera and acoustic, and benthic fish and invertebrate surveys including scallops and other commercial shellfish, and a variety of environmental impact assessments. He has provided expert advice on molluscan fisheries at planning enquiries, and has published on trawl damage to seabed communities and on sensitivities of biogenic reef habitats. Dr Holt has been involved in MSC pre-assessments, main assessments, annual audits and peer reviews for queen scallops, mussels, cockles, clams and oysters in Europe, Canada and South east Asia since 2001, and has also contributed to pre- and full assessments of longline and trawl fisheries. He contributed at early MSC workshops on the development of generic scoring guidelines and refining of assessment method. In 2000 he carried out a preliminary assessment of a number of U.S. aquarium fish wholesalers and retailers against draft sustainability standards on behalf of MAC (Marine Aquarium Council). He has also carried out assessments of fishing vessels/crew under the UK Sea Fish Industry Authority's Responsible Fishing Scheme.</p> <p>Terry has passed MSC training and has no Conflict of Interest in relation to this fishery. Terry has completed the MSC RBF training in the past 3 years. Full CV available upon request</p>
<p>Local Context</p>	<p>English is widely spoken in Canada.</p> <p>Paul has had assignments in the region in the last 10 years.</p>

Traceability	Paul completed the MSC traceability module.	
RBF	Paul has completed the RBF training.	
Assessment tree to be used	Default assessment tree	
Provisional UoAs	Species	Snow crab (<i>Chionoecetes opilio</i>)
	Stock	Estuary and Northern Gulf of St Lawrence Snow Crab Coastal Areas
	Geographical area	Gulf of St. Lawrence, Canada
	Harvest method	Standard traps
	Client group	AQIP
	Other Eligible Fishers	Newfoundland Licence holders in area 13
	Species	Snow crab (<i>Chionoecetes opilio</i>)
	Stock	Estuary and Northern Gulf of St Lawrence Snow Crab Coastal Areas
	Geographical area	Gulf of St. Lawrence, Canada
	Harvest method	Japanese traps
	Client group	AQIP
	Other Eligible Fishers	Newfoundland Licence holders in area 13
Site visit	<p>The site visit will occur the week commencing 14th January 2019 in Quebec, Canada.</p> <p>A key purpose of the site visit is to collect information and to speak to stakeholders with an interest in the fishery. For those parts of the assessment involving the MSC's Risk Based Framework (RBF) see http://www.msc.org/about-us/standards/methodologies/fam/msc-risk-based-framework, Please note we will be using a stakeholder-driven, qualitative analysis during the site visit. RBF may be used for PI 1.1.1 and 2.2.1. To achieve a robust outcome from this consultative approach, we rely heavily on participation of a broad range of stakeholders with a balance of knowledge of the fishery. We encourage any stakeholders with experience or knowledge of the fishery to participate in these meetings.</p> <p>The MSC provide guidance and templates for stakeholder contribution which can be found here:</p> <p>https://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders</p>	

The site visit for this fishery will take place in Quebec, Canada, the week commencing 14th January 2019. Stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the meetings and discuss the fishery with the assessment team. If unable to participate in person, please contact Lloyd's Register to discuss conference call options and submission of information remotely.

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