23rd December 2019

Lake Erie Multi-species Commercial

Client Group:

Ontario Commercial Fisheries' Association (OCFA)

Announcement of use of Risk-Based Framework (RBF)

SAI Global wishes to announce its intention to use the Risk-Based Framework (RBF) to score some elements of the **Lake Erie Multi-species Commercial**

The RBF was developed to ensure that the lack of quantitative data did not become a barrier to otherwise well-managed fisheries achieving certification. Further information relate to the RBF is available on the MSC website.

The elements of the fishery for which RBF will be use as well as rationale for each are outlined in the **Use of the RBF** announcement available on the MSC website.

SAI Global wishes to invite stakeholders to comment on the intention to use the RBF. 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.

Following receipt of comments from stakeholders, SAI Global will consider all available information and make a determination as to whether the use of the RBF in the assessment of the above fishery is indeed appropriate.

Comments on the proposed use of the RBF should be submitted by

17:00 UTC on the 27th of January 2020.

Comments should be sent to:
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