



Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Certification

Bay of Fundy, Scotian Shelf and Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Lobster Trap Fishery

Client Group: Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Lobster Eco-Certification Society

Notification of Site Visit

This fishery is now entering the 'information gathering' stage of the assessment against the MSC Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing.

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. Should you have any information on this fishery that you feel should be considered in the assessment, please advise us. If stakeholders wish to request a private interview with the assessment team, the Certification Body shall ensure such an opportunity is provided. Where stakeholders do not wish to be interviewed, they may submit written information to the assessment team.

For those parts of the assessment involving the MSC's Risk Based Framework (PI 1.1.1, PI 2.1.1 and PI 2.2.1), we will be using a stakeholder-driven, **qualitative and semi-quantitative analysis** during the site visit. To achieve a robust outcome from this consultative approach, the MSC assessment relies on participation of a broad range of stakeholders with a balance of knowledge of the fishery.

One to one Consultation meetings will be held as follows:

- Halifax, Nova Scotia: 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 30th April 2014
- Moncton, New Brunswick: 24th April 2014

We expect to carry out RBF meetings on Friday 25th April 2014 in Moncton, New Brunswick for LFAs 23, 25, 26A and 26B; on Monday 28th April 2014 in St-John, New Brunswick for LFAs 34-38; and on Tuesday 29th April 2014 in Halifax, Nova Scotia for LFAs 27-33.

If you would like to talk to the assessment team, please advise us of your interest by the 17th April 2014, 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)



Comments should be sent to:

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