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Gulf of St Lawrence Shrimp trawl

MSC Inseparable or Practicably Inseparable (IPI) Announcement

1 Introduction

This template details the information required from Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) when announcing that Inseparable or Practicably Inseparable (IPI) stocks are identified (FCP v2.1 7.5.8-7.5.13).

The CAB shall complete question 1 and either question 2a or 2b.

The CAB shall upload the IPI announcement to the MSC database as early as practicable in the assessment process, and no later than the date of issue of the Client and Peer Review Draft Report to the client and to the Peer Review College (FCP v2.1 7.5.12). The CAB shall upload an updated announcement in the event any of the information below changes.

Where instructions are included in *italics*, please delete and replace with your specific information. All grey boxes containing instructions may be deleted, e.g. the 'Introduction' section.

2 Marine Stewardship Council IPI announcement

Table 1 – Inseparable or practicably inseparable (IPI) catches

1	Description of the stocks identified as Inseparable or Practicably Inseparable (IPI) and confirmation they are within scope of IPI
	- Include a detailed and substantiated rationale of how the catches under consideration fulfil the requirements of FCP v2.1 7.5.8.1
	The distribution of <i>P. montagui</i> can overlap with that of <i>P. borealis</i> within the Gulf of St. Lawrence and, as a result, is liable to be caught in the trawl fishery. Owing to their physical similarities and appearance they are inseparable during the normal fishing operation and practically inseparable during processing (MSC FCR v 2.0 7.4.13.1 a & b). The stocks do not exceed 15% of the total catch, are not ETP and are not certified separately. <i>P. montagui</i> is in scope for IPI.

2a	Rationale to indicate fish and fish products from IPI stocks may enter further chains of custody
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Include a detailed and substantiated rationale of how the catches under consideration fulfil the IPI requirements (FCP v2.1 7.5.11.a, Annex PA Section 1.2 and 1.4).
	<p>Table 14 in the ACDR shows that the % catch of <i>P. Montagu</i> is 0.010%. At the last audit, i.e. the 4th audit, which coincided with the stopped re-assessment site visit, DFO Science confirmed that, through a collaborative agreement with the shrimp fishery, 150 samples of shrimp are collected annually and used by DFO to better understand the catch profile throughout the year. This includes the recording of <i>P. montagui</i>. From the 150 samples collected during the 2017 season, <i>P. montagui</i> made up < 2% of the catch in each of the SFAs. Noting that the last completed re-assessment of the trawl fishery was undertaken using MSC CR v 1.3, the requirements for IPI stocks remain the same in MSC FCP v 2.1. (see sections 7.5.8-13 and Annex PA).</p> <p>The assessment team are therefore content that the sampling conducted by DFO provides a reasonable estimate of the proportion of <i>P. montagui</i> in the annual catch and corresponds to previous figures provided at MSC audits and assessments of the trawl fishery. As such, <i>P. montagui</i> is still considered to be an IPI species and, given the low levels of catch, the fishery is not considered to have a significant impact on the stock.</p> <p>This means that <i>P. montagui</i> can enter into certified chains of custody with <i>P. borealis</i>. The proportion of the total catch of <i>P. montagui</i> will be checked at future surveillance audits. If the proportion of <i>P. montagui</i> increases to between 2-15% of the total catch, according to MSC FCR v 2.0, the stock will need to be assessed against Principle 1 at the next re-assessment, or, techniques will need to be developed to effectively separate catches of <i>P. montagui</i> from the <i>P. borealis</i> catch, or, measures to reduce the proportion of <i>P. montagui</i> to <2% will have to be implemented.</p>
2b	Rationale to indicate fish and fish products from IPI stocks may enter further chains of custody with an exemption to additional assessment requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Include a detailed and substantiated rationale showing that the catch proportion of IPI stocks is less than or equal to 2% and the total catch of IPI stock(s) by the fishery under assessment does not create a significant impact on the IPI stock(s) as a whole (FCP v2.1 7.5.11.b).
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