

Marine Stewardship Council Surveillance Announcement

Name of Fishery	Gaspésie Lobster Trap Fishery	
Surveillance level and type	Surveillance level 6 (Default surveillance), on-site surveillance audit – See Appendix 2.	
Surveillance number	1st Surveillance	X
	2nd Surveillance	
	3rd Surveillance	
	4th Surveillance	
	Other (expedited etc)	
Proposed Team Leader	Géraldine Criquet – See Appendix 1	
Proposed team members	Jean-Claude Brêthes - See Appendix 1	
Audit/review time and location	Gaspé and Chandler, Québec, Canada : 11 th April 2016	
Assessment/ review activities	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.	

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 v2.0 effective from April 1, 2015.

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 audit, please advise us. If you not wish to be interviewed you may submit written information to the assessment team.

10th March 2016

We expect to carry out most meetings on April 11, 2016. The assessment team will be visiting Gaspé and Chandler, Québec, Canada.

If you would like to talk to the assessors, please advise us of your interest by 4th April 2016 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)

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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>

Appendix 1**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.

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

Table 4.1 : Surveillance level rationale

Year	Surveillance activity	Number of auditors	Rationale
1	On-site audit	2 auditors on-site	Considering that 3 conditions, Pls 2.1.1, 2.1.2, and 3.2.1 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
1	5 th March 2015	11 th April 2016	To synchronise with Prince Edward Island Lobster Trap Fishery and Bay of Fundy, Scotian Shelf and Southern Gulf of St Lawrence Lobster Trap Fisheries 1 st 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