

28th February 2017

Canada 3LN Redfish Fishery

Client Group:

Groundfish Enterprise Allocation Council (GEAC)

Release of Public Draft Report for Stakeholder Comment

SAI Global would like to announce that the draft report on the MSC certification assessment of the above fishery is now available for comment by stakeholders for a period of 30 days. The scope of the assessment covers the **Canada 3LN Redfish Fishery, Acadian redfish stock in Div. 3LN** caught using harvesting methods such as **Bottom trawl and Mid-water trawl.**

Stakeholders are invited to comment on the factual contents of the report, either in relation to the specific sections of the report or specific scoring indicators. In order for comments to be actionable, the provision of objective evidence is crucial and SAI Global can only consider information that is relevant, factual and substantiated.

Any input should both clearly relate to specific report sections or scoring indicators and be supported by data or literature citations. To assist in contributing relevant information and to ensure that any contributions have maximum impact stakeholders should use the <u>Stakeholder Input into MSC Fishery</u> <u>assessments</u> template alongside the <u>Stakeholder's Guide to the Marine Stewardship Council</u> when providing input.

Following receipt of comments from stakeholders, SAI Global will consider all available information and make a determination on whether the fishery should be certified. Following this determination, the final report will be made available.

The initial proposed target eligibility date was 31st July 2016. However, the PCDR is published today, 28th February 2017, therefore the revised target eligibility date is now 28th August 2016

The report is available at the MSC website:

https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/canada-3In-redfish/@@view

Comments on the report should be submitted by:

• 17:00 GMT, Thursday 30th March 2017

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