



**Announcement of Main Assessment  
Marine Stewardship Council Certification**

**The Canadian Fishery for Haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*) in NAFO Sea Areas 5Z, 4X5Y**

**Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd**

We are pleased to announce that a Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) fishery certification assessment is underway for the above noted Canadian Haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*) fishery. The client for the assessment is the Groundfish Enterprise Allocation Council. The certification body contracted to assess the fishery is Moody Marine. The assessment will evaluate the fishery for haddock in NAFO Sea Areas 5Z, 4X5Y within the Canadian Atlantic EEZ for compliance with the international standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries established by the MSC.

There will be eight units of certification covering otter trawl, hook and line, gill net and hand line in each of two fishery management areas.

The target eligibility date for when the MSC logo can be applied to product caught is the starting date of the 2010 fishing season in Georges Bank - January 1, 2010.

Moody Marine seeks to develop a dialogue with those organizations and individuals with a direct interest in this fishery. Those wishing to provide comments or information to the assessment process (in terms of the status of the stock, ecosystem interactions or fishery management practices) are invited to contact Moody Marine.

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