



## Canada Northern and Striped Shrimp Fishery

### Revision to Units of Certification – November 2015

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<b>Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number</b>	Canada Northern and Striped Shrimp
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#### 1. Proposed change

The Canada Northern and Striped Shrimp Fishery is currently undergoing reassessment, and the CAB (Acoura Ltd.) proposes to revise the Units of Certification, in line with the requirements as outlined in the CR v1.3 at Section 27.24.2.5 and 27.24.2.6

#### 2. Rationale/Justification

Management of the Canada and Northern Striped Shrimp Fishery is based on Shrimp Fishing Areas (SFAs). For the first certification in 2011, the fishery was divided in to UoCs as shown in Table 1. For this new reassessment, the CAB proposes to make a minor revision to the UoCs, and divide the fishery according to Table 2.

Table 1: UoCs as defined for the first Canada Northern and Striped Shrimp Fishery certification.

UoC	Species	SFAs
1	Northern shrimp ( <i>P. borealis</i> )	1
2	Northern shrimp	2, 3, 4, 5, 6
3	Northern shrimp	7
4	Striped shrimp ( <i>P. montagui</i> )	2, 3, 4

Table 2: UoCs as proposed for the reassessment of the Canada Northern and Striped Shrimp Fishery.

UoC	Species	SFA
1	Northern shrimp ( <i>P. borealis</i> )	1
2	Northern shrimp	2, 3, 4
3	Striped shrimp ( <i>P. montagui</i> )	2, 3, 4
4	Northern shrimp	5
5	Northern shrimp	6
6	Northern shrimp	7

The change to the UoCs is to divide up the original second UoC, covering Northern shrimp in SFAs 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, in to three separate UoCs, covering Northern shrimp in 1) SFAs 2, 3 and 4, 2) SFA 5, and 3) SFA 6.

SFAs 2-6 extend across a very large area, and the change to the UoCs is proposed in order to account for the potentially variable stock status outcomes that may arise in coming years between the different SFAs located towards the southern extent of the species distribution.

It should be noted that the geographic extent of the total fishing area for all the SFAs has not changed.

<b>3. Further Comments</b>
None