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Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Certification

Gulf of Maine Lobster Fishery

Client Group: Maine Certified Sustainable Lobster Association

Notification of Draft Assessment Tree and Scoring Guideposts

SAI Global Assurance Services is proposing to use the Default Assessment Tree contained within the MSC Certification Requirements V1.3 in the independent evaluation of the Gulf of Maine Lobster Fishery.

MSC Principles & Criteria For Sustainable Fishing (MSC Standard) Principle 1 Principle 2 **Principle 3** Outcome Fishery Specific Harvest Strategy Retained Species Bycatch Species **ETP Species** Habitats Ecosystem Governance and Policy Management System (Management) PI: Stock Status PI: Outcome (0) PI: 0 PI: 0 PI: 0 PI: 0 PI: Harvest Strategy PI: Legal and/or PI: Fishery Specific Customary Framework Objectives PI: Reference Points PI: Management (M) PI: M PI: M PI: M PI: M PI Harvest Control PI: I PI: I PI: Consultation, Roles PI: Stock Rebuilding Rules and Tools PI: Information (I) PI: I PI: I PI: Decision Making and Responsibilities Processes PI: Information / PI: Compliance and Monitoring Long Term Objectives Enforcement PI: Assessment of Stock Status PI: Incentives for PI: Research Plan Sustainable Fishing PI: Management Performance Evaluation

Default assessment tree structure with Performance Indicators

SAI Global will be taking comments on the proposed Assessment Tree, it is requested that anyone wishing to contribute should contact SAI Global no later than **18th October 2014**. All comments should be sent to Orla Minogue at SAI Global using the contact details shown below. Comments should be made as specific as possible to individual Performance Indicators and Scoring Guideposts, and their suitability or not within this fishery. More information regarding the default assessment tree can be found at <u>http://www.msc.org</u>.

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