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## Manitoba boreal forest lakes walleye, northern pike, yellow perch, lake whitefish, and lake cisco commercial gillnet fishery

## (Waterhen Lake walleye and northern pike UoAs only)

This announcement is to inform stakeholders that MRAG Americas will forego the additional stakeholder consultation period normally required during an MSC fishery assessment if certain timelines are exceeded.

According to FCR v2.0 7.3.4, if the period from full assessment announcement to the MSC's receipt of the Public Comment Draft Report exceeds 9 months, the CAB shall allow an additional 30-day stakeholder consultation period before starting the next phase of the assessment process.

For the Waterhen Lake walleye and northern pike Units of Assessment for this fishery, MRAG Americas requested a variation to forego this additional consultation, and MSC accepted this request. The relevant documents are available here: <a href="https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/manitoba-boreal-forest-lakes-walleye-northern-pike-yellow-perch-lake-whitefish-and-lake-cisco-commercial-gillnet-fishery/@@assessments.">https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/manitoba-boreal-forest-lakes-walleye-northern-pike-yellow-perch-lake-whitefish-and-lake-cisco-commercial-gillnet-fishery/@@assessments.</a>

MRAG Americas will ensure that all stakeholder comments and/or new information received during the Public Comment Draft Report stage will be considered fully.

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