



The United States Atlantic Fishery for Spiny Dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*)

MSC Certification

Certification Body: Intertek Moody Marine

Surveillance Audit

Following certification of this fishery, we are now continuing the process of annual surveillance audits of the fishery. These audits have two principal functions:

1. To review any changes in the management of the fishery, including regulations, key management or scientific staff, or stock evaluation
2. To evaluate the progress of the fishery against any Conditions of Certification raised during the Main Assessment

During the audit, or at separate meetings, we shall be speaking with representatives of the fishery and fishery management organisations. Following MSC approval of a variation request to delay the audit, we expect to carry out meetings on **October 14th – 17th 2013**.

Meetings will be held in Washington DC and Boston. They will be attended by the following Audit Team members who were part of the original certification process.

Ian Scott	LA/P3	On site
Dave Kulka	P1/P2	On site

Brief details of the team are given below.

Should you have any information on this fishery that you feel should be considered in the audit, please advise us. We may be available to meet with stakeholders as appropriate. If you would like to arrange a meeting, please advise us of:

- a) your name and contact details;
- b) your association with the fishery;
- c) the issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation); and
- d) where and when you would like to meet.

Intertek Moody Marine notifies identified stakeholders directly through email. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this notification please forward to them and notify us so we may add them to our list of stakeholders. It should be noted that because email is not a foolproof way of transmitting notifications, we ask that stakeholders also subscribe to the free notification service provided by the MSC at : <http://www.msc.org/newsroom/updates/subscribe>

Yours sincerely

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Audit Team Members:

David Kulka. In a 32 year career with the Canadian DFO, Dave held a number of positions: research survey biologist, head of the observer program, head of commercial sampling including responsibility for the assessment of seven species, division manager for groundfish, head of resource sampling and head of Marine Fish Species at Risk and Regional SARA Coordinator . From 2008 he has been retired, and is scientist emeritus with DFO NL Region. He was responsible for the assessment of seven species. He has been a member of various committees and teams and formulated policy related to the conduct and mandate related to the Species at Risk Act. His duties have included: (i) designated expert, elasmobranchs and white hake for NAFO; (ii) member of the ICES elasmobranch working group; (iii) Chair of the ICES Fisheries Ecology working group; (iv) vice-Chair (northwest Atlantic) of the IUCN Elasmobranch Species Specialist Group; (v) member of the COSEWIC Marine Fish Subcommittee; and (vi) Chair of various CSAS process regional and national assessments including pre-COSEWIC assessments for plaice and smooth skate. He was the P1 expert on the main assessment of spiny dogfish and has specific knowledge of Atlantic sturgeon..

Lead Auditor / P3: Ian Scott. Ian is a fisheries consultant specialising in fisheries certifications, fisheries policy and fishery management issues with over 30 years of experience in the fishery sector. He was the lead auditor /P3 on the main assessment of spiny dogfish. In recent years he has advised the Governments of Turkey, Montenegro, Serbia, Mauritius and Yemen on fisheries policy, including fisheries management, fleet development, the need for scientific research and fishery related environmental issues. He has co-prepared fisheries management plans for Turkey, Serbia and Montenegro. Ian has completed or is completing work as lead auditor and P3 specialist on assessments of Portuguese sardine, Canadian sablefish, Scotia Fundy haddock, BC dogfish, Mexican skipjack and yellowfin, UK beam trawl fisheries, U.S. dogfish, Maldives skipjack, Maldives yellowfin, Lake Erie fisheries, Chilean crustaceans and Chilean hake. He has completed a large number of MSC pre-assessments. He is a trained chain of custody auditor.

Full CVs of the team members are available on request from IMM

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