

**MSC EVALUATION OF THE  
Canada Scotia-Fundy Haddock Fishery  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF 3rd ANNUAL SURVEILLANCE AUDIT**

The Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) process for independently evaluating the fishery above is moving forward in the surveillance audit process. The fishery was MSC certified on 22nd October, 2010, with certificate validity expiring Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 2015. The current audit will take into account recent developments and monitor progress on the conditions placed on the fishery in the Assessment, necessary to maintain certification.

The assessment team from SCS Global Services (SCS) will be conducting a meeting in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2013. SCS invites all stakeholders to meet with the team and bring forth any issues or concerns about the certification of this fishery. The meeting will include participants such as fishermen, fishery managers, scientists and stakeholders to gain a full understanding of the current state of the fishery. Short Assessment Team biographies are on page 2 of this document.

Unit of Certification	
<b>Species</b>	Haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> )
<b>Gear Type</b>	Otter Trawl, Gillnet, Longline, Handline
<b>Geographical Area</b>	FAO Statistical Area 21.
<b>Stock Region</b>	The Canadian fishery for haddock is carried out in three sea areas that are defined by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) as 4X/5Y and 5Z; denominated respectively as the Southern Scotian Shelf / Bay of Fundy / the Gulf of Maine (4X5Y) and Georges Bank (5Z). All areas are within FAO Area 21.
<b>Stock Name</b>	Single biological population, 4X/5Y Haddock, 5Z Haddock
<b>Management System</b>	DFO managed by IFMP, TAC and gear restrictions
<b>Client Group</b>	Groundfish Enterprise Allocation Council (GEAC)

It is a requirement of the MSC program that all certification organizations allow for stakeholder participation in the assessment process. As a result, this notice is to advise any parties (individuals or organizations) interested in providing input, to contact SCS and provide

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

As a reminder, information is most useful to the assessment team when it is specific and includes constructive suggestions for improving existing situations. Also, supporting documentary evidence for any issues of concern will be greatly appreciated by the assessment team.

**Please contact SCS by 1700 GMT 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2013.**

Information on the MSC standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries is available at [www.msc.org](http://www.msc.org)

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Assessment Team for the SCS 3rd Annual Surveillance of the fishery:

**Dr. Siân Morgan, Scientific Certification Systems- Team Leader**

Dr. Morgan has more than a decade of experience in marine ecology and fisheries science with particular expertise in markets-based fisheries reform, certification and quantitative methods for decision analysis. She has worked in non-governmental, academic and consulting settings and brings to the team a strong background in cross-sectoral consultation. Her doctoral research at the Fisheries Center, University of British Columbia/McGill examined the population dynamics and management of a small-scale, data poor multi-species fishery in Asia. Dr. Morgan has participated standards setting and revision processes for both fisheries and aquaculture, was a past member of the MSC Stakeholder Council (public chamber) and is a current member of the Technical Advisory Group for the Aquaculture Stewardship Council. Examples of SCS client fisheries that Sian has managed include Louisiana Blue Crab, Gulf of California Mexico low trophic levels fisheries for sardine and thread herring as well as various international reform projects in data-deficient developing world fisheries. Sian is trained to audit the MSC standard, various ASC standards, MSC/ASC CoC, ISO 9001 and SA 8000.

**Dr. Joseph DeAlteris, Independent Fisheries Management Consultant- Assessment Team Member**

Professor Emeritus of Fisheries and Aquaculture at the University of Rhode Island. Dr. DeAlteris has an international expert in the field of fish population dynamics, fishing gear technology and shellfish aquaculture. He brings intimate knowledge of stock assessment methodologies, fishery harvest and bycatch reduction technologies, and bivalve culture methods. Since retiring from the university in 2012, he has been working in Cape Verde and West Africa on the development of sustainable fisheries, and researching methods to reduce interactions between protected species and commercial fisheries in U.S. east coast fisheries. Dr. DeAlteris has considerable experience with MSC fishery evaluations, and has worked with SCS on the full assessment of the Atlantic deep-sea red crab and the Louisiana blue crab, in addition to conducting numerous pre-assessments and annual surveillance audits for other fisheries. Dr. DeAlteris' knowledge of fisheries from harvest technology to assessment to management and the MSC evaluation process, guarantees the client the most reliable review possible by any scientist or certification body.