

SAI Global

Gulf of St Lawrence fall herring gillnet fishery

MSC Notice of Suspension

1 Introduction

A fishery certificate may be suspended or withdrawn for contractual or administrative reasons such as late payment of Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) invoices or delays in the audit schedule due to unforeseen circumstances.

Alternatively a fishery certificate may be suspended or withdrawn where the certificate holder no longer conforms to the MSC Fisheries Standard, has not made adequate progress towards addressing conditions, does not provide information to allow verification that conditions are being addressed, does not agree to allow the CAB to hold a surveillance audit as required, does not provide information requested by the CAB within 90 days of being requested to do so, or requests to enter a period of self-suspension.

If a fishery certificate is suspended, the CAB shall set the effective date for the fishery certificate suspension 30 days after decision to suspend, before 1) informing the certificate holder and the MSC of the suspension and 2) announcing the suspension by completing and uploading the MSC Notice of Suspension Template (this form) to the MSC website.

2 Marine Stewardship Council Notice of suspension

Table 1 – Notice of suspension	
1	Fishery name
	Gulf of St Lawrence fall herring gillnet fishery
2	CAB
	SAI Global
3	Date of the Notice of Suspension
	9 th April 2019
4	Effective date of the fishery suspension
	8 th May 2019
5	The reason for the fishery suspension
	This suspension is a consequence of the certificate holder no longer conforming to the MSC Fisheries Standard.
6	If the fishery is suspended for no longer conforming to the MSC Fisheries Standard (GCR Section 7.4), which Performance Indicators are affected (please include summary explanation)?
	The latest stock assessment shows the Spawning Stock Biomass has declined steadily over the last 10 years and can no longer be said to be fluctuating around its target reference point and so the stock is now considered to be depleted. The audit team has therefore re-evaluated MSC Performance Indicator 1.1.1 'Stock Status' and a revised score of 70 has been concluded. Furthermore, as a result of the decline in stock status, the audit team reviewed all of the Principle 1 PIs and concluded that the harvest strategy no longer achieves its objectives. Therefore, PI 1.2.1 Harvest Strategy has been rescored at 60. This results in the overall Principle 1 score falling below 80. As a result, the audit team concluded the fishery no longer conforms to the MSC Fisheries Standard.
7	If the fishery is suspended for not making adequate progress towards addressing conditions (GCR Section 7.4), which condition(s) and Performance Indicators are affected?
	N/A
8	Statement on implications for selling fish caught as MSC certified/making claims after suspension date.

<p>The suspension requires that the certificate holder not sell any fish caught as MSC-certified after the effective date of suspension until such time that the suspension is lifted. Fish caught prior to that date may continue to be sold after the effective date of suspension as MSC certified if SAI Global can confirm the certificate holder's ability to segregate fish based on date of capture.</p>
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