



Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Fishery Certification Assessment Waterhen Lake Walleye and Northern Pike Commercial Gillnet Fishery

Intertek Moody Marine are pleased to announce that the MSC fishery certification assessment is underway for the Waterhen Lake Walleye and Northern Pike Commercial Gillnet Fishery. This assessment will evaluate this fishery for compliance with the Marine Stewardship Council Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing. The client for the assessment is the Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship.

Intertek Moody Marine seeks to open a dialogue with all organisations or individuals with a direct interest in this fishery. Anyone who would like to: (1) Become a consultee 'stakeholder'; (2) Nominate other organizations or individuals as stakeholders; (3) Provide comments or information related to the status of the stock, the interaction of the fishery with the ecosystem or fishery management practices, is invited to contact Intertek Moody Marine.

The assessment is expected to take 13 months and the target eligibility date, (i.e. the date from which product from a certified fishery is likely to be eligible to bear the MSC ecolabel) is estimated to be **January 2014** but will be confirmed later in the assessment process when the Public Comment Draft Report is published.

We are also in the process of assembling an assessment team of individuals with experience of stock assessment, ecosystem interactions and fishery management appropriate to this fishery. Any nominations of suitable individuals are also welcomed.

If you wish to provide comment at any stage of the assessment process the MSC have provided a template for stakeholders to complete and submit their comments. This can be downloaded from the following link:

<http://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/forms-and-templates/msc-template-for-stakeholder-input-into-fishery-assessments/view>

As a certification body, Intertek Moody Marine has dispute resolution procedures available should these prove necessary. These are available by contacting the address below.

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