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Delayed Year 4 Surveillance audit

MSC Year 4 Surveillance – The Bahamas Spiny Lobster Fishery

Control Union (UK) Limited (CU UK) would like to inform stakeholders that CU UK has been in discussion with the client (Bahamas Marine Exporters Association (BMEA)) and have agreed to apply the 6-month flexibility available at the anniversary date of the 2nd February, for the above surveillance audit, within the MSC process, due to the need to align with key dates in the fishery management cycle and the expected delivery of conditions according to the Client Action Plan. The Year 4 surveillance audit will also be combined with the reassessment for this fishery.

It is the intent of the CAB to announce this audit in May 2023.

CU (UK) is happy to receive comments from stakeholders on this change or on the assessment of this fishery. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact stakeholderfishuk@controlunion.com at CU (UK) by email, telephone or post at the below number and address:

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Control Union (UK) Ltd. shall only accept stakeholder input as public record if submitted using the MSC Template for Stakeholder Input into Fishery Assessments' - Stakeholder Input Template or if raised at the site visit in person or remotely.

Please note that stakeholders must provide objective evidence and references in support of any claims or any claimed errors of fact.

Comments may remain unattributed. Furthermore, information that cannot be shared with any other stakeholder will not be referenced in the assessment and cannot be used in determining the outcome of the fishery's assessment nor used as a basis for an objection.

Stakeholders may raise issues with the team in confidence for the team to consider at the site visit, but any confidential information cannot be used in scoring unless in compliance with confidentiality requirements.

Information can be kept confidential if it is restricted to financial transactions about certification, the financial affairs of individual companies or information that may lead to this information being known, or information that is the subject of relevant national privacy or data protection legislation in the assessed fishery's country.

By engaging your name may be published in any relevant reports.

If you do not wish to receive emails in respect of this fishery, please confirm this by return.

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