



This is to certify that:
Canada Scotia-Fundy haddock

Has been evaluated by Global Trust Certification, ASI Accreditation Code ASI-ACC-035, and has been found to meet the requirements of the:

Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)
Fisheries Standard Version 2.01

The client can therefore claim the fishery to be a “Well Managed and Sustainable Fishery”, in accordance with MSC’s Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing.

The client for the fishery is:
Atlantic Groundfish Council®
1362 Revell Drive, Manotick, Ontario, CA, K4M 1K8

SCOPE:

Species: *Melanogrammus aeglefinus*
Common Name: Haddock
Geographical Range of Fishing Operation: Within FAO Fishing Area 21 Northwest Atlantic
1) NAFO subareas 4X5Y (the Southern Scotian Shelf/Bay of Fundy/Gulf of Maine)
2) NAFO subareas 5Zjm (the Canadian portion of Eastern Georges Bank)
Stock: 1) 4X5Y haddock
2) 5Zjm haddock
Method(s) of Capture: Groundfish demersal otter trawl with regulated mesh size ≥ 130 mm (in NAFO subareas 4X5Y)
Groundfish demersal otter trawl with regulated mesh size ≥ 125 mm (in NAFO subareas 5Zjm)
Demersal longline with regulated minimum hook gape of 12 mm
Demersal gillnet with regulated minimum mesh size of 5 ½ inches (140 mm)
Handline with regulated minimum hook gape of 12 mm
Management System: Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Maritimes Regions
Client Group: Atlantic Groundfish Council®
Group Members: An up to date list of Client Group members is available on the MSC website
Entry Point of Chain of Custody: This Certificate extends to the first point of landing and sale. For more detailed information on the scope of this Certificate refer to the Public Certification Report.
Inseparable or Practicably Inseparable Catches: None
Registration No: MSC-F-31238
Certification Date: 15 November 2021
Certificate Issue Date: 15 November 2021
Anniversary date for the purposes of Surveillance audits: 15 November each year
Re-Assessment Due Date: Re-Assessment started on 15 February 2026
Certificate Expiry Date: 14 November 2026



Signed on behalf of Global Trust Certification:

Eoghan Stedman
General Manager

Annex 1 to Certificate MSC-F-31238:**Fishery Certificate Statement****For:****Canada Scotia-Fundy haddock****Up to date as of:** 15 November 2021**Parties currently eligible to access this certificate**

An up to date list of Client Group members is available on the MSC website:

<https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/canada-scotia-fundy-haddock/@assessments>

Other eligible fishers (or other entities that may share the certificate as new client group members)

There are no other eligible fishers.

Points of landing or other transfer and other limits to product eligibility

Vessels are required by licence condition to hail-in before landing their catch at a DFO-designated port. This allows the dockside monitor to be in place before the vessel arrives for offloading. The Dockside Monitoring Company which provides the services is required to comply with strict conditions established by the Federal Government, and their operations are subject to audits as necessary. Calibrated scales are used by the dockside monitors to validate the landed weight of haddock. Moreover, DFO Fishery Officers conduct random surveillance activities at offloading sites to ensure the dockside monitors are performing their duties in accordance with approved practices. DFO approve designated landing sites. Vessels must land at an approved site. All sites have approved landing plans which designate where dockside monitors are required to be installed to ensure line of sight during offloads.

The fishery's management system is sufficient to allow a chain of custody to be established from the point of landing forward for all haddock harvested from the Scotia Fundy Haddock fishery.

The client group has determined that for chain of custody purposes, the point of landing at each designated port will also be the point of first sale. This is the point at which ownership passes from the licence holder to an onshore operator. The group has identified 2 types of onshore operators: (i) plants with their own buyers, and (ii) independent buyers under commission to deliver raw material to specific plants for processing.

All licence holders/harvesters in Scotia Fundy region and Eastern Georges Bank will be eligible to land MSC-certified haddock and any onshore enterprise will be eligible to acquire haddock as MSC-certified provided the enterprise is a named member of the client group and has successfully undergone a MSC chain of custody assessment and is in possession of a valid chain of custody certificate.