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Marine Stewardship Council Surveillance Announcement

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| Name of Fishery | OCI Grand Bank Yellowtail Flounder Trawl | |
| Surveillance level and type | Level 4 (Remote) surveillance - Offsite | |
| Surveillance number (tick one) | 1st Surveillance | ✓ |
| | 2nd Surveillance | |
| | 3rd Surveillance | |
| | 4th Surveillance | |
| | Other (expedited etc) | |
| Proposed Team Leader | <p>Paul Knapman (P3) Paul is based in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada and has recently returned to Fisheries Consultancy.</p> <p>He was the General Manager of Intertek Fisheries Certification a Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) that focused their work on Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) fisheries and chain of custody assessment / certification. He has extensive experience of MSC related work having been the Lead Assessor / Auditor and/or technical reviewer for 50+ client fisheries throughout the world.</p> <p>He was previously Head of an inshore fisheries management organization in the UK, a senior policy advisor to the UK government on fisheries and environmental issues, a British Fisheries Officer and a fisheries consultant to clients in Europe and Canada.</p> | |
| Proposed team members [remove if not applicable] | <p>Rob Blyth-Skyrme (P2) Rob has broad fisheries and environmental science, management and policy knowledge, having gained over nearly 20 years of postgraduate work in the marine field. Rob previously led the marine fisheries and aquaculture work of Natural England, the UK Government's statutory advisor on nature conservation in England. Rob has also worked as Deputy Chief Fishery Officer for the Eastern Sea Fisheries Joint Committee, co-managing the activities of a staff of 16 Fishery Enforcement, Research and Environment Officers. He has been involved in assessing numerous MSC fisheries, including the full assessment for the OCI Grand Bank Yellowtail Flounder Trawl.</p> <p>Bruce Atkinson (P1) Mr. Atkinson is a retired fisheries biologist with more than 40 years' experience primarily related to the biology, life history and assessment of groundfish, but also with experience related to pelagic fishes and shellfish. His extended career with Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) also included management positions within Science culminating in the position of Regional Director of Science and Oceans sectors in Newfoundland and Labrador. He participated in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) for many years and was the Head of the Canadian Delegation to the Scientific Council from</p> | |

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| | 2000-2004. Since retirement in 2005, he has maintained a keen interest in fisheries. He served on an Expert Panel that reviewed the performance of NEAFC (North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission) in relation to its mandated responsibilities, participated in regional groundfish assessments carried out by DFO in Newfoundland and Labrador as rapporteur, served as a reviewer of fisheries related proposals for European Union Framework Programme (FP7) and Horizon 2000 funding, chaired an Expert Panel that prepared a report on the Impacts of EU Framework Programmes (2000-2010) and Prospects for Research and Innovation in Fisheries and Aquaculture, served on an Expert Panel charged with developing an Outreach Strategy to better familiarize the EU public with Framework Programme benefits (2011-2012), served as a member of the Assessment Team for assessment of the Ocean Choice International Yellowtail Flounder Trawl Fishery against the MSC Principles and Criteria serving as lead for assessment of Principle 1 as well as being a member of the team conducting the subsequent annual audits and the 2014/2015 reassessment of this fishery, served as Chair of an Expert Panel that conducted a review of the methods of catch estimation of NAFO stocks by the NAFO Scientific Council as well as carrying out other fisheries related work under contract including 4 MSC peer reviews of fisheries as well as the conduct of 15 MSC CoC audits. He is currently a member of the COSEWIC (Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada) Marine Fishes Specialist Subcommittee. |
| Audit/review time and location | <i>This offsite surveillance will be conducted on the 6th December 2016.</i> |
| Assessment/review activities | <i>All relevant data, progress on the Client Action Plan and progress on the 1 open condition.</i> |

Stakeholder Comment

If you would like to submit comments or information for consideration by the assessment team, please do so by **22nd November 2016**, giving the following:

- » your name and contact details;
- » your association with the fishery;
- » the issues you would like to highlight.

Submitted by: Polly Burns

Date: 25th October 2016

Appendix 1: Surveillance frequency

Table 4.1 : Surveillance level rationale

| Year | Surveillance activity | Number of auditors | Rationale |
|------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| 1 | Off-Site Audit | 3 offsite | The 1 open condition on PI 3.2.4 and the other principles can be adequately reviewed remotely. |
| 2 | On-site | 2 offsite – 1 onsite | On current timelines condition will be closed, so onsite auditors with remote support is appropriate. |
| 3 | Off-site | 3 offsite | Principles and fishery status can be reviewed remotely. |
| 4 | On-Site (possible re-assessment) | 3 Onsite | 4 th surveillance is expected to coincide with re-assessment site visit |

Table 4.2: Timing of surveillance audit

| Year | Anniversary date of certificate | Proposed date of surveillance audit | Rationale |
|------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | 27 th October 2016 | 6 th December 2016 | Availability of team members and client. |
| 2 | 27 th October 2017 | 27 th October 2017 | Coincide with anniversary date |
| 3 | 27 th October 2018 | 27 th October 2018 | Coincide with anniversary date |
| 4 | 27 th October 2019 | 27 th October 2019 | Coincide with anniversary date |

Table 4.3: Fishery Surveillance Program

| Surveillance Level | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 |
|--------------------|----------|---------|----------|----------------------------------|
| Level 4 (Remote) | Off-Site | On-site | Off-site | On-Site (possible re-assessment) |