

## **Gulf of Maine Lobster Fishery (*Homarus americanus*)**

**Client Group:**

### **Maine Certified Sustainable Lobster Association (MCSLA)**

#### **Announcement of Determination and Release of Final Report for Stakeholder Consultation**

Following a 30 day period of comment on the Draft Report, SAI Global, has reviewed the report of the assessment team, the reports of the Peer Review panel and all stakeholder comments.

**The Determination reached by the certification body is that the Gulf of Maine Lobster Fishery using Baited Traps SHOULD be certified according to the MSC Principles and Criteria**

The Final Report relating to this assessment is now available on the MSC's website.

<https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/gulf-of-maine-lobster-fishery/@assessments>

**Please note that this is a determination, not a final certification result. This fishery is therefore not certified, nor is it able to use the MSC's logo on any products until the final consultation period has been concluded.**

There is now a 15 working day period during which any party that disagrees with this determination may submit a notice of objection. A description of the grounds for objection and the procedure to follow can be found in the [MSC Objections Procedure](#), on the MSC's website.

A notice of objection must be submitted in the format prescribed by the MSC using the [Notice of Objection form](#). Notices of objection must be addressed to the Independent Adjudicator and MSC Chief Executive, Rupert Howes, and sent to [objections@msc.org](mailto:objections@msc.org); please note that if an objection is not in the correct format, the Independent Adjudicator will refuse it and allow the objector 5 days to submit a correctly formatted notice.

**The objection must be submitted by:**

- **17:00 GMT, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016**

Comments should be sent to:

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