



Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Certification

Affiliation of Seafood Producers Association of Nova Scotia (ASPANS)

Scotian Shelf & Gulf of St. Lawrence
Snow Crab (*Chionoecetes opilio*) Trap Fishery

Notification of Site Visit

This fishery is now entering the 'information gathering' stage of the assessment against the MSC Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing.

A key purpose of this stage is to collect information on the fishery and in particular to speak to representatives of the fishery, fishery management and environmental management bodies. Should you have any information on this fishery that you feel should be considered in the assessment, please advise us. If stakeholders wish to request a private interview with the assessment team, the Certification Body shall ensure such an opportunity is provided. Where stakeholders do not wish to be interviewed, they may submit written information to the assessment team.

We expect to carry out most meetings over the period of the **17th to the 22nd of October 2011**.
The assessment team will be visiting:

- Nova Scotia (Halifax) between the **17th to the 18th October 2011**
- New Brunswick (Moncton) between the **19th to the 22nd October 2011**

If you would like to talk to the assessment team, please advise us of your interest by the **10th of October 2011** giving the following details:

- your name and contact details
- your association with the fishery
- the issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation)

Comments should be sent to:

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Should you wish to obtain further information on the Marine Stewardship Council, this is available on their web site at <http://www.msc.org>.

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