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Australia Northern Prawn Fishery

Stakeholder Announcement

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This announcement is to inform stakeholders that the annual surveillance audit for the Australia Northern prawn fishery will be held later than the certificate anniversary date of 18 July 2021 to accommodate key fishery representatives schedules. The audit has been rescheduled to October 2021.

The MSC Fisheries Certification Process v2.2 7.28.8 states *“The CAB shall undertake surveillance audits within 30 days prior to the anniversary date of the certificate unless the following applies.*

7.28.8.1 The CAB may elect to undertake the surveillance audits up to 6 months earlier or later than the anniversary date, where this deviation is appropriate given the circumstances of the fishery.

a. The CAB shall detail the reasons for deviating from the anniversary date as part of the surveillance schedule.”

Critical guidance G7.28.8.1 states *“If the next surveillance is proposed to be held later than the certificate anniversary date, the CAB should inform the stakeholders before the anniversary date so that they are aware of the revised timing.”*

More information about the fishery including relevant documents can be found here:
<https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/australia-northern-prawn/@@view>.

Stakeholders will be notified when the surveillance audit has been scheduled.

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