

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

US Atlantic Spiny Dogfish Fishery

Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd

Assessment Timeline

MSC assessments proceed through a prescribed series of stages. On the basis of experience a minimum of 9 months is required for completion, but the time taken may be considerably longer if delays are encountered. Due to the complexity of this fishery it is anticipated that the period required will be 13 months.

The main sequence of activities is set out below, with the time required for each stage. A delay at any stage will extend the overall timeframe.

	Stage	Time required
1	Notification of assessment commencement	5 days
2	Stakeholder consultation on expert team	10 days
3	Confirmation of use of standard Performance Indicators and Scoring Guideposts	30 days
4	Announcement of Site Visit	30 days
5	Assessment Visit	1 week
6	Production of report and scoring of fishery	2 months
7	Consultation on peer reviewers	10 days
8	Client review of Draft Report (version 1)	30 days
9	Peer review of Draft Report (version 2)	30 days
10	Stakeholder review of Draft Report (version 3)	30 days
11	Moody Marine internal certification determination	5 days
12	Stakeholder consultation on Final Report (version 4) and Determination	21 days
13	Issuance of Public Certification Report (version 5)	5 days

The proposed sequence of the main assessment is shown below.

