

**MSC EVALUATION OF THE  
Canada Scotia-Fundy Haddock Fishery  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2nd ANNUAL SURVEILLANCE AUDIT**

The Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) process for independently evaluating the fishery above is moving forward in the Surveillance Audit process. The fishery was MSC certified on 22 October 2010. The current audit will take into account recent developments and monitor progress on the conditions placed on the fishery in the Assessment.

The assessment team from Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) will be conducting a meeting in Halifax, Nova Scotia Canada with provisional dates of 6-7 November, 2012. SCS invites all stakeholders to meet with the team and bring forth any issues or concerns about the certification of this fishery. The meeting will include participants such as fishermen, fishery managers, scientists and stakeholders to gain a full understanding of the current state of the fishery. Short Assessment Team biographies are on page 2 of this document.

4 Units of Certification (based on gear type)	
<b>Species</b>	Haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> )
<b>Gear Types</b>	Otter Trawl, Gillnet, Longline, Handline
<b>Geographical Area</b>	The Canadian fishery for haddock is carried out in three sea areas that are defined by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) as 4X/5Y and 5Z; denominated respectively as the Southern Scotian Shelf / Bay of Fundy / the Gulf of Maine (4X5Y) and Georges Bank (5Z). The fishery takes place in FAO Statistical Area 21.
<b>Stock</b>	Single Stock
<b>Management System</b>	DFO managed by IFMP, TAC and gear restrictions
<b>Client Group</b>	Groundfish Enterprise Allocation Council (GEAC)

It is a requirement of the MSC program that all certification organizations allow for stakeholder participation in the assessment process. As a result, this notice is to advise any parties (individuals or organizations) interested in providing input, to contact SCS and provide

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

As a reminder, information is most useful to the assessment team when it is specific and includes constructive suggestions for improving existing situations. Also, supporting documentary evidence for any issues of concern will be greatly appreciated by the assessment team.

Please contact SCS by 1700 GMT 19 October, 2012.

Information on the MSC standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries is available at [www.msc.org](http://www.msc.org)

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See next page for contact details

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Assessment Team for the SCS the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Surveillance of the fishery:

**Adrienne Vincent, Scientific Certification Systems (SCS), Lead Auditor**

Adrienne is a marine biologist that has worked closely with finfish species of commercial importance including California halibut (*Paralichthys californicus*). After completing her B.Sc. in biology from the University of Oregon she completed an e.M.B. with the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology where she focused on marine species management, estuarine trophic relationships, and plankton distribution based on real time oceanographic conditions. Adrienne thereafter joined the State Managed Finfish Project with the California Department of Fish and Game where she worked on stock assessment and management issues. Vincent managed the hook-and-line and trawl fishery independent sampling (indices of abundance) and by-catch rate surveys as well as halibut movement and age structure studies. Since with SCS, she has been involved with the MSC certification of Scotian Shelf shrimp, US north Pacific halibut and US north Pacific sablefish and is a certified lead auditor under the International Standard Organization (ISO) 90011:2008 certification requirement. Ms. Vincent is also a MSC chain-of-custody lead auditor

**Eric B Dunne, Independent Fisheries Management Consultant**

Eric has over 45 years' experience in economic, policy and operations analyses and executive management of the full range of fishery management activities and functions. Since 1995, he has been a fishery consultant based in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, specializing in comprehensive analysis of all aspects of fisheries management activities and issues. He previously served for 15 years as Regional Director-General, Newfoundland Region, Fisheries and Oceans Canada. In that role he acquired extensive senior executive management experience in the intricacies of regional, national and international fishery resource management. This included regional executive management responsibilities for the complete range of functions and responsibilities exercised by a full-fledged and mature national fisheries management authority. These functions and responsibilities included scientific research and biological assessment of all species groups; habitat, ecosystem and by-catch assessment, management and control; overall fisheries monitoring, control and surveillance operations and implementation of Canada's Oceans Policy with particular emphasis on ecosystem and precautionary management. A primary function was the development, implementation and monitoring of fishery management plans including the associated interpretation and operationalization of scientific, biological, ecosystem and economic advice. With an educational background in the economics of fishing, he had previously held senior positions in the Department's economics and policy development functions. He later gained experience in the area of fisheries innovation and technology development. As well, he has lectured on fisheries management and fisheries economics in the Masters of Marine Studies Program at Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador. Most recently he has become fully versed in the overall MSC assessment process. In this context, he has been involved in both pre-assessments and full assessments of a variety of finfish, pelagic and shellfish fisheries in localities from the sub-Arctic areas of the Northwest Atlantic to the Gulf of Mexico.