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AQIP snow crab trap

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: LR

Notification - Site Visit using RBF

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

A key purpose of the site visit is to collect information and speak to stakeholders with an interest in the fishery. For those parts of the assessment involving the MSC's Risk Based Framework (RBF, see <http://www.msc.org/about-us/standards/methodologies/fam/msc-risk-based-framework>), we will be using a stakeholder-driven, qualitative analysis during the site visit. To achieve a robust outcome from this consultative approach, we rely heavily on participation of a broad range of stakeholders with a balance of knowledge of the fishery. We encourage any stakeholders with experience or knowledge of the fishery to participate in these meetings.

There is now a consultation period which will complete in 30 days from the date of this announcement (dd/mm/yyyy) for stakeholder to comment on the PIs and rationale proposed on the following page.

The following performance indicators may be scored using the RBF: (delete as required)

- 1.1.1 Stock status
- 2.2.1 Secondary species outcome

The fishery assessment team will be making visits to the client in Quebec during week commencing 14th January 2019. If you would like to talk to the assessors, **please advise us of your interest at your earliest convenience before the site visit**, 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).

Enquiries should be sent in the first instance to:

LR Fisheries Department

fisheries@acoura.com

Marine Stewardship Council Use of the Risk Based Framework (RBF)

1	Name of fishery	Thames cockle dredge
2	CAB	LR
3	PI that RBF is to be applied to	Justification
	1.1.1 Stock status	Stock status reference points are NOT available, derived either from analytical stock assessment or using empirical approaches
	2.2.1 Secondary species outcome	Stock status reference points are NOT available, derived either from analytical stock assessment or using empirical approaches

