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1 Introduction

This template details the information required from Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) when formally announcing annual surveillance activities, which will be published on the MSC website.

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CABs are required to submit this announcement for posting on the MSC website at least 30 days before the audit activities are carried out (FCP v2.2, 7.28.14.6).

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UoC 4		
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Geographical area:	Gulf of St. Lawrence, Canada	
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3	Date certified	Date of expiry
	31 Mar 2009	15 Oct 2025
4	Surveillance level and type	
	Level 4 offsite/remote calls	
5	Surveillance number	
	2nd Surveillance	X
6	Surveillance team leader	
	<p>Paul Knapman – P2 and P3</p> <p>Paul is an independent consultant based in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Paul began his career in fisheries as a fisheries officer in the UK, responsible for the enforcement of UK and EU fisheries regulations. He then worked with the UK government's nature conservation advisors as their Fisheries Programme Manager, responsible for establishing and developing an extensive programme of work with fisheries managers, scientists, the fishing industry and ENGOS, researching the effects of fishing and integrating nature conservation requirements into national and European fisheries policy and legislation.</p> <p>Paul was appointed Head of the largest inshore fisheries management organisation in England, with responsibility for managing an extensive area of inshore fisheries on the North Sea coast. The organisations responsibilities and roles included: stock assessments; setting and ensuring compliance with allowable catches; developing and applying regional fisheries regulations; the development and implementation of fisheries management plans; acting as the lead authority for the largest marine protected area in England.</p> <p>Paul moved to Canada in 2005 and established his own consultancy providing analysis, advisory and developmental work on fisheries management policy in Canada and Europe. He helped draft the management plan for one of Canada's first marine protected areas, undertook an extensive review on IUU fishing in the Baltic Sea and was appointed as rapporteur to the European Commission's Baltic Sea Regional Advisory Council.</p> <p>Paul began working on MSC assessments in 2008 and in 2012 became head of a Conformity Assessment Body focusing on MSC fisheries and chain of custody assessments.</p> <p>Paul returned to fisheries consultancy in 2015 and continues to work on MSC assessments. He has</p>	

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	<p>been involved as a lead assessor, team member and technical advisor/reviewer for more than 60 different fisheries in the MSC programme.</p> <p>Paul has passed MSC training and has no Conflict of Interest in relation to this fishery. Full CV available upon request</p>
Team Leader Experience	Paul has completed a number of MSC assessment as TL and meets all Fishery TL Qualification and Competency Criteria under MSC FCP v2.2 Table PC1 and MSC GCR v2.4.1 Table 1.
7	Surveillance team members <i>[remove if not applicable]</i>
	<p>Julian Addison – P1 and P2</p> <p>Dr Julian Addison is an independent fisheries consultant with over 30 years' experience of stock assessment and provision of management advice on shellfish fisheries, and a background of scientific research on shellfish biology and population dynamics and inshore fisheries. Until December 2010 he worked at the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) in Lowestoft, England where he was Senior Shellfish Advisor to Government policy makers, which involved working closely with marine managers, legislators and stakeholders, Government Statutory Nature Conservation Organisations and environmental NGOs. He has also worked as a visiting scientist at DFO in Halifax, Nova Scotia and at NMFS in Woods Hole, Massachusetts where he experienced shellfish management approaches in North America. For four years he was a member of the Scientific Committee and the UK delegation to the International Whaling Commission providing scientific advice to the UK Commissioner. He has worked extensively with ICES and most recently was Chair of the Working Group on the Biology and Life History of Crabs, a member of the Working Group on Crangon Fisheries and Life History and a member of the Steering Group on Ecosystems Function. He has extensive experience of the MSC certification process primarily as a P1 team member but also as a P2 team member and team leader. He has undertaken over 30 MSC full assessments of crustacean and mollusc fisheries worldwide which use a wide range of stock assessment methodologies and fishing gears. He has also undertaken MSC pre-assessments in Europe, North America, Asia and Australia and over 60 annual surveillance audits and technical reviews. He is a member of the MSC Peer Review College and has carried out peer reviews of MSC assessments worldwide of a wide range of fish and shellfish fisheries. Other recent work includes a review of the stock assessment model for blue crabs in Chesapeake Bay, USA, and an assessment of three Alaskan crab fisheries under the FAO-based Responsible Fisheries Management scheme.</p>
Local Context	Both Paul and Julian have had assignments in the region in the last 10 years.
Traceability	Paul has completed the MSC traceability module in the last 3 years
RBF	Julian has completed the RBF training.
8	Audit/review time and location
	Off-site/remote, on the 2 nd of December 2022
9	Assessment and review activities
	All relevant information and progress against the 3 open conditions

Stakeholder Comment

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If you would like to speak with the assessment team, please contact LRQA before the audit date so we can organise conference call facilities. If you would like to submit comments for the team to review, please use the [Stakeholder Input form](#) and submit to fisheries-ca@lrqa.com.

Please provide your comments **before** the site visit date (17.00 UTC on the 1st of December 2022) or at least let us know you will be providing input so we can plan accordingly.

The MSC provide guidance and templates for stakeholder contribution which can be found here:

<https://www.msc.org/what-you-can-do/engage-with-a-fishery-assessment>

Submitted by: Tom Lopes Vieira

Date: 31/10/22

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Appendix 1: Summary of CVs of team leader and team member(s) - optional

The CAB may insert Summary of CVs of team leader and team member(s).

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Appendix 2: Surveillance frequency - if amended since PCDR

The CAB shall include in the announcement:

1. A justification for any reduction from the default surveillance level following FCP v2.2 7.28.4-7.28.7,
2. A justification for any deviations from carrying out the surveillance audit before or after the anniversary date of certification, and
3. A completed fishery surveillance program.

Table 2 – Surveillance level justification

Year	Surveillance activity	Number of auditors	Rationale
2	Off-site audit	2 auditors off-site	A remote audit will be sufficient to review progress within the fishery and check compliance with the MSC standard.

Table 3 – Timing of surveillance audit

Year	Anniversary date of certificate	Proposed date of surveillance audit	Rationale
2	15 October 2022 (6 month extension due to Covid-19)	2 nd December 2022	Client and team availability and to match up with the new certificate anniversary

Table 4- Fishery surveillance program

Surveillance level	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Level 4	On-site surveillance audit (Changed to off-site audit due to Covid-19)	Off-site surveillance audit	Off-site surveillance audit	On-site surveillance audit & re-certification site visit.

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2.01	28 March 2019	Minor document change for usability
2.1	25 March 2020	Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.2

A controlled document list of MSC program documents is available on the MSC website (msc.org).

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