



MSC Fisheries Certification Assessment

Seafood Producers Association of Nova Scotia (SPANS) Eastern Canada Offshore Scallop (*Placopecten magellanicus*) Fishery

Certification Body: Intertek Fisheries Certification

Release of Public Comment Draft Report for Stakeholder Consultation

The draft report for the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification reassessment of the above fishery is now available for comment by stakeholders. The report is available at the MSC website www.msc.org.

Stakeholders are invited to comment at this stage on the factual content of the report, either in relation to specific scoring indicators or sections in the body of the report. Comments should be clearly related to specific scoring indicators or report sections and any recommendations or criticisms should be supported with data or literature citations that the assessment team is able to evaluate.

Following receipt of comments by stakeholders, Intertek Fisheries Certification will consider all available information and make a determination on whether the fishery should be recertified. Following this determination, the final report will be made available for a further 15 working day consultation period.

Comments on the Public Comment Draft Report should be forwarded, **before 17:00 GMT on the 18th April 2015**, to Dr. Rob Blyth-Skyrme at the e-mail below.

If you wish to provide comment at any stage of the reassessment process the MSC have provided a template for stakeholders to complete and submit their comments. This can be downloaded from the following link:
<http://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/forms-and-templates/msc-template-for-stakeholder-input-into-fishery-assessments/view>

Intertek Fisheries Certification will notify identified stakeholders of key steps in the reassessment process directly through email. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this notification please forward to them and notify us so we may add them to our list of stakeholders. It should be noted that because e-mail is not a foolproof way of transmitting notifications, we ask that stakeholders also subscribe to the free notification service provided by the MSC at: <http://www.msc.org/newsroom/updates>

Should you wish to obtain further information on the MSC, this is available on their web site at <http://www.msc.org>

As a conformity assessment body, Intertek Fisheries Certification has dispute resolution procedures available should these prove necessary. These are available by contacting the Lead Assessor, as below.

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