

11th November 2016

AQIP Gulf of St Lawrence Greenland halibut

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: Food Certification International Ltd

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.

The following performance indicators may be scored using the RBF:

- 1.1.1

The fishery assessment team will be making visits to the client in Quebec during week commencing 28th November 2016 and welcome any submissions until the 11th of December. If you would like to talk to the assessors, **please advise us of your interest prior to site visit**, or if you are happy to discuss the fishery remotely, by 11th December 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:

Acoura Fisheries Department

fisheries@acoura.com

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

1	Name of fishery	AQIP Gulf of St Lawrence Greenland halibut
2	CAB	Acoura
3	Date that the proposal to use the RBF is submitted to the MSC	11 th November 2016
4	Date stakeholder comment period closes on the proposal to use the RBF	28 th November 2016
5	PI that RBF is to be applied to	1.1.1
6	Justification for use ¹	Greenland halibut, as the Principle 1 species, is not currently assessed with an analytical stockassessment tool

¹ Note that it is required that stakeholder comments on the use of the RBF need to be considered (FCR Annex PF 2.1.1.5). The stakeholder comment and CAB response shall be included in the Public Comment Draft Report (FCR 7.15.4.1).