



Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Certification

Canada Atlantic Halibut Fishery

Client:

Atlantic Halibut Council

Nominations for Surveillance Assessment Team Membership

SAI Global Assurance Services is currently undertaking the 1st surveillance assessment of the above fishery against the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing. To assist with this assessment, SAI Global is also in the process of assembling an assessment team comprising of members with experience and expertise in the areas of stock assessment, ecosystem interactions and fishery management appropriate to this fishery. The persons proposed as team members of this fishery assessment team are set out below together with a brief summary of their experience and expertise. They have been proposed on the basis of their experience in the areas of stock assessment, ecosystem interactions and fishery management. The assessment co-coordinator and lead assessor from SAI Global will be Ivan Mateo.

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Dr. Ivan Mateo - Lead Assessor

Dr. Ivan Mateo has over 15 years' experience working with natural resources population dynamic modeling. His specialization is in fish and crustacean population dynamics, stock assessment, evaluation of management strategies for exploited populations, bioenergetics, ecosystem-based assessment, and ecological statistical analysis. Dr. Mateo received a Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences with Fisheries specialization from the University of Rhode Island. He has studied population dynamics of economically important species as well as candidate species for endangered species listing from many different regions of the world such as the Caribbean, the Northeast US Coast, Gulf of California and Alaska. He has done research with NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center Ecosystem Based Fishery Management on bioenergetic modeling for Atlantic cod. He also has been working as environmental consultant in the Caribbean doing field work and looking at the effects of industrialization on essential fish habitats and for the Environmental Defense Fund developing population dynamics models for data poor stocks in the Gulf of California. Recently Dr. Mateo worked as National Research Council postdoc research associate at the NOAA National Marine Fisheries Services Ted Stevens Marine Research Institute on population dynamic modeling of Alaska sablefish.

Bob Allain – Assessor

R. J. (Bob) Allain is the president and principal consultant of OceanIQ Management Services Inc. He is a former senior executive with over 30 years' experience with Canada's Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans in fisheries management, strategic policy development and analysis, program design and delivery, human and financial resources management, media and inter-governmental relations, facilitation and conflict resolution, and mentoring. He has consulted internationally for the Canadian International Development Agency, the (former) International Centre for Ocean Development, the World Bank, and the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations. He has participated in, and spoken at, international conferences in the United States, Ireland and Australia and has given over 600 media interviews to national and international news agencies while in government service.