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**Eastern Canada Offshore Scallop Fishery
Marine Stewardship Council Certification**

**Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd
Announcement of Main Assessment**

We are pleased to announce that the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) fishery certification assessment is underway for the above fishery. This assessment will evaluate this fishery for compliance with the International Standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries produced by the MSC. The certification body contracted to assess this fishery is Moody Marine Ltd.

The clients are a group of five companies that operate offshore scallop vessels:

- Adams and Knickle Limited
- Clearwater Seafoods Limited Partnership
- Comeau's Sea Foods Limited
- LaHave Seafoods Limited
- Ocean Choice International Limited Partnership

For the purposes of this assessment the group are coordinated by the Seafood Producers Association of Nova Scotia (SPANS). In the course of the assessment it is possible that further clients may join the client group. This would be in accordance with the MSC's stated desire to allow fair and equitable access to the certification.

Initially, Moody Marine seeks to open a dialogue with all organisations or individuals with a direct interest in this fishery. Anyone wishing to provide comments or information to the assessment process (in terms of the status of the stock, ecosystem interactions or fishery management practices) is invited to contact Moody Marine.

We are also in the process of assembling an assessment team of individuals with experience of stock assessment, ecosystem interactions and fishery management appropriate to this fishery. Any nominations of suitable individuals are also welcomed.

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