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Gulf of St. Lawrence Northern Shrimp Full MSC Assessment Notification

Advisory – Change of Units of Certification

TAVEL Certification Inc wishes to advise stakeholders of a change for the certification process for the Gulf of St. Lawrence northern shrimp fisheries. After discussions with the MSC and its clients, TAVEL Certification has been requested to assess each of the four northern shrimp fishing areas in the Gulf of St Lawrence (Shrimp Fishing Areas 8, 9, 10, 12) as individual units of certification. This approach will effectively result in an individual assessment scoring of the health of each stock under Principle 1. It is expected that the assessment of fishery impacts on habitat and non target species under Principle 2 and the management framework and system under Principle 3 will be conducted in a common assessment and scoring process for the Gulf shrimp fishing areas.

TAVEL has also been requested by the clients to separate the certification assessment of Shrimp Fishing Areas 9, 10 and 12 from the assessment process for Shrimp Fishing Area 8. Due to the overlap of certifications being conducted for the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Newfoundland (Atlantic Canadian Prawn) northern shrimp fishery clients, SFA 8 will be assessed using a harmonized process by which both certification bodies (TAVEL Certification and Moody Marine) will coordinate certification activities.

All inquires about the certification process and participation as a stakeholder may be sent to TAVEL Certification Inc at the following contacts:

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