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## **FISHERY CERTIFICATION ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Gulf of St. Lawrence SFA 9, 10, 12 Northern Shrimp Trawl Fishery**

Having received no objections after closure of the mandatory 21 day stakeholder objection period for the Fishery Certification Report of the Gulf of St. Lawrence Northern Shrimp Trawl Fisheries in shrimp fishing areas 9, 10, 12, the independent Certification Decision Committee of TAVEL Certification Inc. has reviewed the report prepared by the assessment team, stakeholder comments, peer review comments and responses.

**The Certification Decision Committee has Determined that the Gulf of St. Lawrence Northern Shrimp Fisheries in shrimp fishing areas 9, 10, 12 will be certified in accordance with the MSC Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing. Ongoing certification of this fishery is dependent upon completion of identified conditions and annual surveillance audits. The certificate is valid for a 5 year period.**

The final report is available at the MSC website.

A surveillance audit plan is in place, the next activity for this certification will be the announcement of the 2009 surveillance audit. Stakeholders are invited to contact the client or TAVEL Certification should they have questions or comments at any time.

TAVEL Certification congratulates the clients, **Association Québécoise de l'Industrie de la Pêche, Produits Belle-Baie Ltée., and L'Association Cooperative des Pecheurs de l'Ile Ltée**, for their achievement.

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