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**Maine Lobster Trap 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 client for the assessment is The Fund for Sustainable Maine Lobster – an entity established by individuals and organisations actively involved in the Maine lobster fishery. The scope of the assessment includes all vessels licensed by the State of Maine and fishing in Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Lobster Management Area 1.

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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