

INACTIVE Canada Lake Erie rainbow smelt - trawl

Overview

FIP Description

The Ontario Commercial Fisheries' Association (OCFA), Great Lakes Food Company Ltd. (GLFC), Presteve Foods Limited (PFL) and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) are leading a cooperative initiative to begin preparations for the eventual MSC certification of the bottom trawl fishery for rainbow smelt in Lake Erie. A MSC pre-assessment was completed in late 2017.

How is this FIP Doing?

Current Status:

11%

7%

82%

Actions Progress This shows the proportion of actions in the workplan that the FIP has completed.

0%

Actions Overview This shows the proportion of actions that are behind schedule, on track, completed, or not yet started.

Behind	On Track	Complete	Future
100%	0%	0%	0%

Red Indicator Progress This shows the proportion of actions specifically addressing red indicators that are behind schedule, on track, completed, or not yet started. This helps users understand the progress the FIP is making on the biggest challenges in the fishery.

Behind	On Track	Complete	Future
100%	0%	0%	0%

FIP Objective(s)

The overall objective is to prepare the fishery for full MSC assessment by April 2024. Management outcome objectives are as follows:

- Harvest strategy with harvest control rules established (May 2019 to April 2024)
- Monitoring and assessment of the target stock improved (May 2019 to April 2024)
- Fishery impacts managed to minimize risk to the ecosystem (May 2019 to April 2024)
- Fishery-specific management objectives relating to healthy stocks and minimization of environmental impacts in place (May 2020 to April 2023)
- Decision-making processes strengthened with a clearer scientific basis (May 2021 to April 2024)
- Performance evaluation of the management system in place (May 2021 to April 2024)

FIP Type

Comprehensive

FIP Stage

Stage 3: FIP Implementation

Start and Projected End Dates

May, 2019 -
April, 2024

Species**Common Name**

Rainbow Smelt

Scientific Name

Osmerus mordax

Gear Type

[Trawl](#)

Location**FAO Major Fishing Area**

[Area 21 \(Atlantic, Northwest\)](#)

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country

Canada

Geographic Scope

Ontario waters of Lake Erie

Estimated Total FIP Landings

3600 metric tons

FIP Leads

Organization Name

Ontario Commercial Fisheries' Association (OCFA)

Organization Type

NGO

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