

## Canada Gulf of St. Lawrence snow crab - pot/trap

### Overview

#### FIP Description

This Comprehensive FIP is led by New Brunswick and Quebec Seafood Processors and Fishermen Associations who are actively involved in pilot and sea trial of new and emerging technologies for the reduction of entanglement of right whales in snow crab fishing gear in cfa 12 and surrounding areas. The North Atlantic right whale (NARW)'s population has been declining since 2010. NARW mortalities can be caused by ship strikes and entanglement in fishing gear, especially in fixed gear such as pots. Since 2015, a higher number of NARW are migrating to the Gulf of St. Lawrence to feed during the summer and fall. Therefore, areas that traditionally posed no or little risk to NARW now must be considered as possible NARW habitat. This FIP will cover improvements to endangered, threatened, and protected (ETP) species impacts in the Gulf of St. Lawrence snow crab fishery to mitigate the risk to NARW and other ETP species, while maintaining a sustainable Canadian seafood industry. This FIP intends to cover all ETP species indicators in the MSC criteria (2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3).

Chionoecetes opilio CANADA | Gulf of St. Lawrence | Pot /Trap Gear

### How is this FIP Doing?

#### Current Status:

7%

93%

**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

0%

100%

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
0%	100%	0%	0%

#### FIP Progress Rating

A - Advanced Progress

#### FIP Objective(s)

The overall objective for this FIP is to regain successful MSC certification of the fishery by July 2026.

This FIP intends to cover all ETP species indicators in the MSC criteria (2.3.1, 2.3.2 ) and meet the 80+ score for each.

#### FIP Type

Comprehensive

#### FIP Stage

Stage 4: Improvements in Fishing Practices or Fishery Management

#### Start and Projected End Dates

January, 2020 -  
July, 2026

#### Species

##### Common Name

Snow Crab (Opilio)

##### Scientific Name

Chionoecetes opilio

[Buying Guide Link Image](#)



[Snow Crab \(Opilio\)](#)

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### **Gear Type**

[Pot/Trap](#)

### **Location**

#### **FAO Major Fishing Area**

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

#### **Exclusive Economic Zones**

##### **Country**

Canada

##### **Geographic Scope**

Gulf of St. Lawrence, Canadian Maritimes ( QC, NB, NS,PEI)

##### **Country Flag of Vessel**

Canada

### **Estimated Total FIP Landings**

32084 metric tons

## **FIP Leads**

#### **Organization Name**

MKM GLOBAL

#### **Organization Type**

Consultant

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