

Canada Atlantic cod (2J3KL) - longline/trawl/gillnet/hook & line

Overview

FIP Description

The Canada Atlantic cod (2J3KL) longline, trawl, gillnet and hook & line FIP is led by the Atlantic Groundfish Council (AGC) and the Association of Seafood Producers (ASP), with major retail funding from Marks & Spencer, Young's Seafood, Sysco France and High Liner Foods; and with in-kind support from Sustainable Fisheries Fund and Atlantic Canadian institutions including Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Memorial University, Dalhousie University and Ocean Tracking Network.

The FIP was launched in April 2015 with actions well underway on a number of fronts, assisted by a formal MSC Pre-Assessment that scopes out the challenges to be addressed in order to receive MSC certification. A DFO 2J3KL Cod Recovery Working Group was created in 2012 and includes representatives of all Stakeholders; the development of draft harvest control rules (HCR) is well advanced. An Integrated Fishery Management Plan (IFMP) is under development and should be completed in 2017. Much of the habitat and ecosystem information has already been assembled by FIP Participants, in part as evidence for the MSC certification of other directed fisheries in the same area (2J3KLNO). Coral and sponge concentrations have been identified using DFO's research vessel surveys and formal peer-review processes.

FIP members continue to advocate a 'go slow' precautionary approach to setting catch limits for this recovering stock. Examples of our public position on this issue can be seen in recent media communications, (see 'Background on Atlantic Groundfish Council Northern Cod Position_Mar 2019' under the Additional Supporting Documentation link in the Detail Tab).

How is this FIP Doing?

Current Status:



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



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%	36%	64%	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%	33%	67%	0%

FIP Progress Rating



FIP Objective(s)

The FIP objectives expected to be achieved by December 2025 are:

- Develop better understanding of 2J3KL cod stock composition, migration patterns and the potential for variable exploitation rates, leading to improvements in stock assessment, conservation and management measures.
- Develop, review and adopt a new stock assessment model
- Develop an Request For Proposal to improve catch estimates
- Design a Harvest Strategy for inclusion in the Integrated Fishery Management Plan (IFMP)
- Design HCRs for eventual inclusion in the IFMP
- Test draft HCRs for performance outcomes
- Obtain and report on a profile of recent and premortaria bycatches, by each gear sector
- Develop an IFMP for the 2J3KL cod fisheries, addressing all elements for which PIs exist
- Produce a fishery footprint relative to both sensitive and less sensitive benthic habitat.

FIP Type

Comprehensive

FIP Stage

Stage 5: Improvements on the Water

Start and Projected End Dates

February, 2015 -

December, 2025

Species

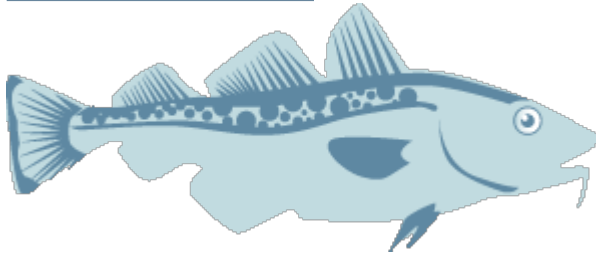
Common Name

Atlantic Cod

Scientific Name

Gadus morhua

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Gear Type

[Bottom Gillnet](#)

[Bottom Longline](#)

[Bottom Trawl](#)

[Hook & Line](#)

Location

FAO Major Fishing Area

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

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country

Canada

Geographic Scope

Canadian EEZ

Country Flag of Vessel

Canada

Estimated Total FIP Landings

12850 metric tons

FIP Leads

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