

Canada redfish (Unit 1 & 2) - trawl

Overview

FIP Description

Fishery Improvement Projects provide an opportunity to improve and document information and management of fisheries not yet eligible to receive sustainability certifications.

The Atlantic Groundfish Council (AGC) is an organization that represents the >100' groundfish license holders in Atlantic Canada. The membership of AGC holds almost 80% of the quotas for each of the two management units. As the fishery recovers from historic lows, the importance of a sustainable economic development of this expanding resource has never been higher. This FIP is a forum to plan for any sustainability issues to be resolved prior to assessment against the performance indicators of the MSC assessment framework.

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
11%	11%	78%	0%

FIP Progress Rating

A - Advanced Progress

FIP Objective(s)

The overall objective for this FIP is successful MSC certification of the fishery - individual FIP objectives were identified in April 2018, some have been completed, with the remainder expected to be achieved by December 2027:

- Confirm on-going changes to stock status (on-going).
- Develop stock projection capability for both species in both units, confirm stock rebuilding timeframes (completed).
- Develop/ implement a formal harvest strategy for stocks and species (on-going).
- Develop harvest control rules that are robust to main uncertainties (on-going).
- Implement commercial sampling program to collect and identify species mix in catch (completed).
- Update existing or select new assessment model which considers main uncertainties and is capable of evaluating harvest strategy and harvest control rule options (completed, to be revised).
- Produce a fishery footprint relative to both sensitive and less sensitive benthic habitat (completed).
- Develop an integrated fishery management plan (IFMP) for the Unit 1 and 2 redfish fisheries, addressing all elements for which PIs exist (to be completed).
- Develop fishery-specific objectives and incorporate them into IFMP (on-going)

FIP Type

Comprehensive

FIP Stage

Stage 4: Improvements in Fishing Practices or Fishery Management

Start and Projected End Dates

April, 2018 -
December, 2027

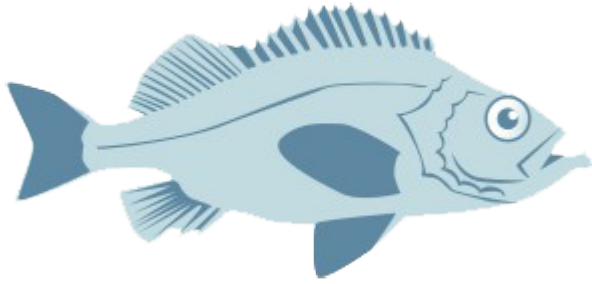
Species**Common Name**

Acadian Redfish

Scientific Name

Sebastes fasciatus

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Common Name

Deepwater Redfish

Scientific Name

Sebastes mentella

Gear Type

[Bottom Trawl](#)

[Midwater Trawl](#)

Location

FAO Major Fishing Area

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

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country

Canada

Geographic Scope

Fishery occurs in Unit 1 & 2, including the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Laurentian Fan and Eastern Scotian Shelf.

Country

France

Geographic Scope

3.6% Allocation in Unit 2

Estimated Total FIP Landings

3000 metric tons

FIP Leads**Organization Name**

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Organization Type

NGO

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