



Release Criteria Checklist - Open Government Canada

This form is a tool to ensure that an analysis of legal and policy requirements has been completed prior to the release of data to the public and internally. It also documents the approvals required for the release of the resource on open.canada.ca (Open Data, and Open Maps - OGP Open Government Portal available to the public) or Federal Geospatial Platform (FGP) only for spatial records, internal to GC.

| Metadata/Resource Name | Description | Release Platform |
|---|---|------------------|
| Northumberland Strait Multi-species Trawl Survey Data 6d61f7b4-39eb-c8a9-a71c-b65d2eca8660 | Catch weight, length frequencies, and biological information for crustaceans and fish caught during the annual July-August research vessel trawl survey in Northumberland Strait (NAFO Division 4T). Abundance indices and spatial distribution patterns of commercial and non-commercial crustaceans and other groundfish. | OGP |

Release Criteria Checklist - Mandatory that all answers are YES to publish!

Legal / Licensing / Copyright

1. There are no known legal, licensing, or copyright restrictions to prevent the data or information from being released by the department or agency under the terms of the [Open Government Licence - Canada](#).

Authority to Release

2. Does DFO/CCG have the departmental mandate, legislative authority or permission from a third party provider to publish the data or information resource under the [Open Government Licence - Canada](#).

Access to Information and Privacy

3. Has the data/information been reviewed to ensure it is not subject to any exemptions or exclusions under the [Access to Information Act](#)?

4. Has the data/information been reviewed to ensure it does not contain any personal or confidential information? For further ATIP or privacy related guidance, please refer to the [Guidelines for the Informal Release of Information](#).

Security

5. Has the data/information to be released been reviewed and determined to be unclassified?

Note: Protected A, B, confidential, secret data/information cannot be posted on the Open Government Portal.

For further guidance on security categories, please refer to the following documents: [Information Security Guide](#) and the [TBS Directive on Security Management - Appendix J: Standard on Security Categorization](#).

Cost

5. Is the data/information being released without a fee to the public?

Format

7. Is the data/information provided in machine-readable/machine processable format?

8. Is the data/information provided in an open and non-proprietary format?

For further guidance on open and non-proprietary format, please refer to the [Standard on Web Accessibility](#).

Metadata

9. Is the metadata for the data/information consistent with the Government of Canada metadata standard? For further guidance on metadata, please refer to the [TBS Standard on Metadata](#).

Official Languages

10. Are the metadata and data both being provided in English and French as per the [Official Languages Act](#)?

Associated Publications

Is this dataset associated with a publication? If yes, please provide details:

Comeau, M., and Hanson, J.M.. 2018. [American lobster: persistence in the face of high, size-selective, fishing mortality—a perspective from the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence](#). Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences 999: 1-11.

Rondeau, A.; Comeau, M.; Surette, T.. 2014. [Assessment of the American Lobster \(*Homarus americanus*\) Stock Status in the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence \(LFA 23, 24, 25, 26A and 26B\)](#). CSAS Research Document 2014/036.

Voutier, J.L., and Hanson, J.M. 2008.. 2008. Distribution, abundance, and feeding of a disjunct population of lady crab in the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence, Canada. Aquatic Ecology 42(1): 43-60.

Bosman, S., Methven, D., Courtenay, S., and Hanson, J.. 2011. Fish assemblages in a north Atlantic coastal ecosystem: spatial patterns and environmental correlates.. Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science 92(2):232-245.

Asselin, N.C., Surette, T., Gagnon, D., Boudreau, S.A. and Chassé, J.. 2024. [Framework Assessment of the American Lobster \(*Homarus americanus*\) Stock Status in the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence \(LFAs 23,24, 25, 26A and 26B\)](#). CSAS Research Document 2024/020.

Rondeau, A., Hanson, J.M., Comeau, M., and Surette, T.. 2016. Identification and characterization of important areas based on fish and invertebrate species in the coastal waters of the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence.. CSAS Research Document 2016/044.

Kelly, J., and Hanson, J.. 2013. Maturity, size at age and predator-prey relationships of winter skate *Leucoraja ocellata* in the southern Gulf of St Lawrence: potentially an undescribed endemic facing extirpation. Journal of Fish Biology 82(3): 959-978.

Asselin, N.C., Hanson, J.M., Ricard, D. and Rondeau, A.. 2021. [Methods and summary data from the Northumberland Strait multi-species bottom trawl survey, 1999 to 2018](#). Canadian Technical Reports of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences 3432.

Hanson, J.M.. 2001. Pre-fishery abundance and distribution of American lobster in western Northumberland Strait, 1999 and 2000.. CSAS Research Document 2001/079.

I, Natalie Asselin, answer YES to all the above questions and hereby authorize the release of the above dataset and related metadata on the Government of Canada's [Open Government Portal](#), to be freely available under the terms and conditions of the [Open Government Licence – Canada](#).

Furthermore, I confirm that this dataset and any future updates, meet and will meet the mandatory Release Criteria Checklist outlined above.

NOTE: the remaining approvals must be completed in the Enterprise Data Hub.

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