Global Trust Certification Ltd

U.S. Gulf shrimp

CSI Fishery Announcement

25 June 2026

Introduction

This Announcement marks the beginning of a Certified Seafood International (CSI) Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) assessment of this fishery. Global Trust Certification Ltd, an NSF company (hereafter GTC-NSF) is required to submit this announcement for posting on the CSI website.

This fishery will be assessed for conformity to the requirements of the CSI program and documents outlined in Table 1. The information GTC-NSF is required to provide when formally announcing assessment activities, including how stakeholders may get involved in the process, is outlined on the following pages.

Table 1. Relevant program documents, including applicable versions and their usage.

Scheme	Certified Seafood International (CSI) Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) Fisheries Certification Program	
Document title	**Version**	**Usage**
CSI RFM Management Fisheries Standard	Version 2.2	Standard
CSI Guidance to Performance Evaluation for the Certification of Wild Capture and Enhanced Fisheries	Version 2.2	Guidance
CSI RFM Data Deficient Fisheries Framework		Guidance

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Table 2. Fishery announcement.	
1	**Fishery name**
U.S. Gulf shrimp	
2	**Certification cycle, assessment type and number**
Certification cycle	(5-year) certification cycle
Assessment type and number	Surveillance Audit No.2
3	**Statement that the fishery is within scope**
GTC-NSF confirms that the fishery under assessment (as defined by the Units of Assessment (UoAs) described below) is within scope of the relevant CSI RFM Fisheries Standard.	
4	**Unit(s) of Assessment – UoA(s)**

UoA 1-36		**Common to all UoAs (species and stocks)**
Species	Latin name:	*Farfantepenaeus aztecus*
	Common names:	Brown shrimp
	Latin name:	*Litopenaeus setiferus*
	Common names:	White shrimp
	Latin name:	*Farfantepenaeus duorarum*
	Common names:	Pink shrimp
Stocks		1. Gulf of Mexico brown shrimp 2. Gulf of Mexico white shrimp 3. Gulf of Mexico pink shrimp
UoA 1-6		**Specific to these UoA**
Geographical area		FAO Fishing Area 31, Atlantic Western-Central, U.S. EEZ, Federal waters
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)		• Otter trawl • Skimmer net
Specific UoAs (resulting from combining the three species and two gear types in federal waters)		UoA 1. Federal waters, otter trawl, brown shrimp UoA 2. Federal waters, otter trawl, white shrimp UoA 3 Federal waters, otter trawl pink shrimp UoA 4. Federal waters, skimmer net, brown shrimp UoA 5 Federal waters, skimmer net, white shrimp UoA 6. Federal waters, skimmer net, pink shrimp
Client group		American Shrimp Processors inc.
Other eligible fishers		None, all shrimp fishing vessels with a valid federal permit are already eligible fishers.
UoA 7-15		**Specific to these UoA**
Geographical area		FAO Fishing Area 31, Atlantic Western-Central, U.S. EEZ, Louisiana state waters

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Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	• Otter trawl • Skimmer net • Butterfly wing net
Specific UoAs (resulting from combining the three species and three gear types in Louisiana state waters)	UoA 7. Louisiana, otter trawl, brown shrimp UoA 8. Louisiana, otter trawl, white shrimp UoA 9. Louisiana, otter trawl pink shrimp UoA 10. Louisiana, skimmer, brown shrimp UoA 11. Louisiana, skimmer, white shrimp UoA 12. Louisiana, skimmer, pink shrimp UoA 13. Louisiana, butterfly, brown shrimp UoA 14. Louisiana, butterfly, white shrimp UoA 15. Louisiana, butterfly, pink shrimp
Client group	American Shrimp Processors inc.
Other eligible fishers	None, all shrimp fishing vessels with a valid state permit are already eligible fishers.
UoA 16-18	**Specific to these UoA**
Geographical area	FAO Fishing Area 31, Atlantic Western-Central, U.S. EEZ, Texas state waters
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	• Otter trawl
Specific UoAs (resulting from combining the three species and one gear type in Texas state waters)	UoA 16. Texas, otter trawl, brown shrimp UoA 17. Texas, otter trawl, white shrimp UoA 18. Texas, otter trawl pink shrimp
Client group	American Shrimp Processors inc.
Other eligible fishers	None, all shrimp fishing vessels with a valid state permit are already eligible fishers.
UoA 19-24	**Specific to these UoA**
Geographical area	FAO Fishing Area 31, Atlantic Western-Central, U.S. EEZ, Florida state waters
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	• Otter trawl • Skimmer net
Specific UoAs (resulting from combining the three species and two gear types in Florida state waters)	UoA 19. Florida, otter trawl, brown shrimp UoA 20. Florida, otter trawl, white shrimp UoA 21. Florida, otter trawl pink shrimp

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	UoA 22. Florida, skimmer, brown shrimp UoA 23. Florida, skimmer, white shrimp UoA 24. Florida, skimmer, pink shrimp
Client group	American Shrimp Processors inc.
Other eligible fishers	None, all shrimp fishing vessels with a valid state permit are already eligible fishers.
UoA 25-30	**Specific to these UoA**
Geographical area	FAO Fishing Area 31, Atlantic Western-Central, U.S. EEZ, Alabama state waters
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	• Otter trawl • Skimmer net
Specific UoAs (resulting from combining the three species and two gear types in Alabama state waters)	UoA 25. Alabama, otter trawl, brown shrimp UoA 26. Alabama, otter trawl, white shrimp UoA 27. Alabama, otter trawl pink shrimp UoA 28. Alabama, skimmer, brown shrimp UoA 29. Alabama, skimmer, white shrimp UoA 30. Alabama, skimmer, pink shrimp
Client group	American Shrimp Processors inc.
Other eligible fishers	None, all shrimp fishing vessels with a valid state permit are already eligible fishers.
UoA 31-36	**Specific to these UoA**
Geographical area	FAO Fishing Area 31, Atlantic Western-Central, U.S. EEZ, Mississippi state waters
Fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s)	• Otter trawl • Skimmer net
Specific UoAs (resulting from combining the three species and two gear types in Mississippi state waters)	UoA 31. Mississippi, otter trawl, brown shrimp UoA 32. Mississippi, otter trawl, white shrimp UoA 33. Mississippi, otter trawl pink shrimp UoA 34. Mississippi, skimmer, brown shrimp UoA 35. Mississippi, skimmer, white shrimp UoA 36. Mississippi, skimmer, pink shrimp
Client group	American Shrimp Processors inc.
Other eligible fishers	None, all shrimp fishing vessels with a valid state permit are already eligible fishers.

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6	**Name of proposed team leader**

Dr. Ivan Mateo.
Dr. Mateo meets all general requirements for an CSI Team Leader. He has extensive experience working with wide variety of crustaceans species including Spiny lobster and red swamp crawfish (10 years). He has extensive experience in marine conservation advice as well as fisheries management advice (15 Years). He has extensive experience in marine ecology, conservation legislation fisheries management, strategic planning/risk management (10 years). CV on file
Dr. Mateo does not have conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.
Summary of CV to be provided in Appendix 1.

7	**Name(s) of proposed team members**

Mr. Robert Allain, primarily responsible for fisheries management.
Mr. Allain meets all general requirements for an CSI Team Member. He is a Technical member of AKCSI Standard Committee. He has over 30 years Fisheries Management experience with DFO in policy, planning and operations at area, regional and national levels (17 years at Executive level). He has International MCS experience on behalf of UN FAO and World Bank. He has working knowledge of US federal and state management processes and systems. CV on file. Mr. Allain does not have conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment. Summary of CV to be provided in Appendix 1.

Dr. Jerry Ennis, primarily responsible for stock assessment.
Dr. Ennis meets all general requirements for an CSI Team Member. He has extensive experience working with invertebrate species including other crustaceans and mollusks. (ie Lobster). Extensive experience on a range of functions and responsibilities such as scientific research and biological assessment of all species groups; habitat, ecosystem and by-catch assessment, management and control; overall fisheries monitoring, control and surveillance operations and implementation of Canada's Oceans Policy with particular emphasis on ecosystem and precautionary management. Dr. Ennis does not have conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment. Summary of CV to be provided in Appendix 1.

Mr. Matthew Jew, primarily responsible for fisheries impacts on the ecosystem.
Matthew Jew has over 10 years' experience in the field of marine research and over 6 years in the field of fisheries science. The primary focus of his work has been on ecosystem structure as it relates to the effects commercial fisheries. He has done research with NOAA Northwest Fisheries Science Center's West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey studying life history and population dynamics of economically important fishes. Mr. Matthew Jew does not have conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment. Summary of CV to be provided in Appendix 1.

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8	**Site visit**

The site visit will take place as follows:

- **Site visit dates: 27 July 2026 to 31 July 2026**
- **Site visit location(s): Remote**

Stakeholders wishing to consult directly with the assessment team during this period may contact GTC-NSF as outlined below requesting to do so:

1. Contact GTC-NSF Fisheries Team: **Fisheries@nsf.org**
2. The deadline for doing so is **17:00 UTC** on **24 July 2026**
3. Provide at least the following details when doing so:
   - Your name and contact details.
   - Your association with the fishery.
   - Your interest in the fishery/the issues you would like to discuss.

Please note we will be using a stakeholder-driven, qualitative analysis during the site visit. To achieve a robust outcome from this consultative approach, we rely heavily on participation of a broad range of stakeholders with a balance of knowledge of the fishery. We encourage any stakeholders with experience or knowledge of the fishery to participate in these meetings.

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Appendix 1: Assessment Team – Summaries of CVs

The assessment team for this assessment consists of:

- Dr. Ivan Mateo (Lead Assessor and primary responsibility for Data Limited Framework (DLF))
- Mr. Matthew Jew (Assessor and primary responsibility for fisheries impacts to the ecosystem)
- Dr. Jerry Ennis (Assessor and primary responsibility for stock assessment and fish biology)
- Mr. Robert Allain (Assessor and primary responsibility for fisheries management

A brief bio for each assessment team member is presented below.

Team Leader: Ivan Mateo Primary Responsibility for Data Limited Framework (DLF)
Dr. Ivan Mateo has over 25 years' experience working with natural resources population dynamic modeling. His specialization is in fish and crustacean population dynamics, stock assessment, evaluation of management strategies for exploited populations, bioenergetics, ecosystem-based assessment, and ecological statistical analysis. Dr. Mateo received a Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences with Fisheries specialization from the University of Rhode Island. He has studied population dynamics of economically important species as well as candidate species for endangered species listing from many different regions of the world such as the Caribbean, the Northeast US Coast, Gulf of California, and Alaska. He has done research with NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center Ecosystem Based Fishery Management on bio-energetic modeling for Atlantic cod He also has been working as environmental consultant in the Caribbean doing field work and looking at the effects of industrialization on essential fish habitats and for the Environmental Defense Fund developing population dynamics models for data poor stocks in the Gulf of California. Recently Dr. Mateo worked as National Research Council postdoc research associate at the NOAA National Marine Fisheries Services Ted Stevens Marine Research Institute on population dynamic modeling of Alaska sablefish.
Ivan will oversee coordinating the other Assessment Team members, participating in the assessment and be responsible for the completion of the assessment in accordance with Certification procedures. Ivan does not have any conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment and will be on-site during this assessment.

Team Member: Mr. Matthew Jew, Primary Responsibility for fisheries impacts to the ecosystem
Matthew Jew has over 10 years' experience in the field of marine research and over 6 years in the field of fisheries science. Matthew earned his M.S. in Marine Science from Moss Landing Marine Laboratories (California State University, Monterey Bay). He has worked at Moss Landing Marine Laboratories as Principal Investigator on numerous projects studying the trophic ecology of a wide range of species, species differentiation based on taxonomic classification and morphological characteristics, and statistical modelling. The primary focus of his work has been on ecosystem structure as it relates to the effects commercial fisheries. He has done research with NOAA Northwest Fisheries Science Center's West Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl Survey studying life history and population dynamics of economically important fishes. He has done work monitoring broad-scale ecosystem productivity from an ecosystem-based management approach. Matt will be the team's expert on Section D: Serious Impacts of the Fishery on the Ecosystem of the relevant Standard. Matt does not have any conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment and will be on-site during this assessment.

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Team Member: Dr. Jerry Ennis, Primary Responsibility for stock assessment

Following undergraduate and graduate degrees at Memorial University of Newfoundland in the 1960s, Dr. Ennis completed a Ph.D. in marine biology at University of Liverpool in the early 1970s. He retired in 2005 following a 37-year research career with the Science Branch of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. His extensively published work has focused primarily on lobster fishery and population biology and on various aspects of larval, juvenile and adult lobster behaviour and ecology in Newfoundland waters. Throughout his career, Dr. Ennis was heavily involved in the review and formulation of scientific advice for management of shellfish in Atlantic Canada as well as the advisory/consultative part of managing the Newfoundland lobster fishery

Jerry will be the team's expert on Section B: Science & Stock Assessment Activities, and the Precautionary Approach. Jerry does not have any conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment and will be on-site during this assessment.

Team Member: Mr. Robert J Allain, Primary Responsibility for fisheries management

Mr. Allain is a graduate of Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia with undergraduate degrees in Commerce (Business Administration) and Science (Chemistry). In 1977, he joined the then Federal Department of Fisheries and Environment as a Fishery Officer (International Surveillance) and carried out inspections of foreign and domestic fishing vessels within and beyond Canada's EEZ. During his 32-year career with the now Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), Mr. Allain served in a variety of fisheries management, strategic planning and policy positions in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador, and at Departmental Headquarters in Ottawa. He served as a senior executive from 1991 to 2008.

Currently, he is the president of the consulting firm OceanIQ Management Services in Dieppe, New Brunswick. He is a Marine Stewardship Council-certified P3 assessor who has participated in approximately 25 assessments and surveillance audits in Canada and the U.S. in respect of demersal, pelagic, invertebrate and crustacean fisheries. He is also fully conversant with the Certified Seafood International (CSI) model through his participation as a technical expert to the Fisheries Standard Committee that developed the certification scheme.

Mr. Allain will be the team's expert on Sections A The Fisheries Management System, Sections D Management Measures, and Sections E: Implementation, Monitoring and Control of the relevant Standard. He does not have any conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment and will be on-site during this assessment.

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