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## U.S. Southern New England Winter and Little Skate Nebula Foods and Providence Bay Fish Co.

Issuance of Public Certification Report

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: MRAG Americas, Inc.

February 19, 2021

MRAG Americas announces that the U.S. Southern New England winter and little skate fishery did not receive an objection following posting of the Final Report and Determination. MRAG Americas has decided that the U.S. Southern New England winter and little skate fishery may be certified as sustainable against the MSC standard. The U.S. Southern New England winter and little skate fishery is now certified for 5 years, subject to successful completion of annual surveillance audits. MRAG Americas has produced a Public Certification Report, available on the MSC website at <a href="https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/southern-new-england-winter-and-little-skate/@@view">https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/southern-new-england-winter-and-little-skate/@@view</a>.

The certification covers bottom trawl, northeast bottom trawl, gillnet, sink gillnet and northeast gillnet for winter skate (*Leucoraja ocellata*) and little skate (*Leucoraja erinacea*). Vessels and companies authorized to use the MSC logo for sales of winter skate and little skate into the MSC supply chain are listed in the Public Certification Report and on the certificate.

MRAG Americas acknowledges with thanks the participation of all stakeholders during this assessment.

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