Appendix XIII
Procedure for Classification of New Shellfish Harvesting Areas

1. Proposals for classification of new shellfish harvest areas are to be submitted in writing by the proponent to the chairperson of the RISC. The proposal must include (but is not limited to):
   
a) a detailed description of the proposed harvest area with a map and precise graphics (e.g. G.P.S. coordinates)
b) intended use (wild harvest, aquaculture, Food Social and Ceremonial (FSC), recreational, etc.) and benefits of having this area classified
c) an indication of the resource availability in the area- species, amounts per square meter, etc.
d) accessibility of area for delivery of CSSP activities
e) any other items requested by RISC for assessment purposes

2. Following a review by the RISC, a decision will be made to:
   
a) Accept the proposal and direct CSSP authorities to proceed with the classification of the proposed area. EC, DFO and CFIA will identify the work required by each respective department/agency and the conditions under which the classification work may be conducted (such as cost or in-kind support borne by the proponent, timeless, etc.) or
b) reject the proposal and notify the proponent, in writing, of the decision and the reason for the decision, or
c) defer a decision pending a request for further information from the proponent.

3. Once the proposal is accepted and EC, DFO and CFIA have carried out their respective responsibilities for area classification, a recommendation is submitted to the RISC for a final decision.