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**Astrid Fiske AB**

**North Sea Herring – Swedish Pelagic Purse Seine Fishery**

**Marine Stewardship Council Certification**

**Certification Body: Food Certification International Ltd**

**Notification of proposed Peer Reviewers**

FCI would like to nominate the following individuals as potential peers reviewers for the Astrid Fiske herring fishery, they will review the draft final assessment report as required under the MSC Principles & Criteria for Sustainable Fishing. Below are their names and a short description of experience.

All stakeholders are now given the opportunity to object to this choice, any comments on the suitability of these scientists should be sent to Ms. Melissa McFadden no later than **17<sup>th</sup> March 2008** at:

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The proposed peer reviewers are:

**Mr John Nichols**

Mr Nichols is a retired UK government fisheries biologist with 42 years experience of plankton ecosystem research specialising in the taxonomy of North Atlantic & NW European plankton including phytoplankton, micro and meso-plankton, ichthyoplankton and young fish. He has been involved with plankton surveys for stock assessment from 1977 and has had direct involvement with the assessment of pelagic and western demersal fish stocks from 1994 to 2000. These stocks include North Sea herring and Thames Estuary herring. He has been a member of ICES working groups on herring, sprat, mackerel, horse mackerel, sardine and anchovy assessments; and mackerel and horse mackerel egg surveys. He was also a member of ICES study groups on herring larval surveys and plankton sampling. In 1992 he set up the original CEFAS programme for monitoring phytoplankton in shellfish harvesting areas and was responsible for it's compliance with the EU Directive. Since retiring from CEFAS he has been involved as an expert in the assessment of five separate fisheries for Marine Stewardship accreditation and subsequent surveillance visits.



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**Dr John Wheeler**

John works for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans at the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Centre in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada. He is currently Section Head of the Pelagic Fish Section, Science Branch, where he has responsibility for research and assessment of pelagic species, including herring, capelin, and sand lance. He is responsible for designing, conducting, and reporting results of a comprehensive program of original scientific research into all aspects of the biology, ecology, life history, and population dynamics of herring stocks within the Newfoundland and Labrador region. This expert advice is used by resource managers as the scientific basis for herring management plans, by the fishing industry in developing marketing plans, and by individual fishing enterprises in determining harvesting plans. He has practical experience in the development of acoustic survey design and data analysis techniques which have been used in estimating fish population abundance. He has published results of original research activities in Departmental reports and in peer-reviewed international scientific journals. He has also been an invited reviewer for several diverse stock assessment working group meetings in Canada and the United States.



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