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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the Doggerbank Seefischerei West Greenland Halibut Fishery

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for [Doggerbank Seefischerei West Greenland Halibut](#) which is in its first assessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body Control Union Pesca Ltd. Two peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Deirdre Hoare
- Don Bowen
- Joe Powers
- John Neilson

A summary of their experience and qualifications is included on the following pages. Further details of their experience are available on request by email to the [Peer Review College](#).

Interested stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments on potential conflicts of interest of the shortlisted reviewers with the fishery to the Peer Review College by email, telephone or post at the number and address below.

For further details and background to the Peer Review College, please visit the MSC's [Program Improvements website](#).

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The deadline for responses to the consultation is **17:00 GMT, 4th January 2019, 18 days from the publication date of this announcement on the MSC's website**. Please note this extended period is due to office closures during the end of year holiday season.

Deirdre Hoare

Deirdre Hoare is an independent fisheries consultant with more than 10 years of experience working in a wide range of projects associated with marine biodiversity and the sustainable use of living aquatic resources. Her principal area of expertise is in relation to stock assessment and ecosystem impacts of both artisanal and commercial fisheries. Her work currently involves evaluation and verification of fisheries management and sustainability against international standards. She also performs fish stock assessments, evaluates data and outlines the limitations.

From 2005 to 2010 she worked as a Fisheries Assessment Analyst and as a Scientific and Technical Officer for the Marine Institute in Ireland. This work involved fisheries research and stock assessment for ICES working groups. The work also involved coordination and management of a Fisher Self sampling program in the Irish Sea, with particular emphasis on spatial and temporal discard measurement tools.

As well as having worked as a researcher, she completed many trips on commercial fishing vessels in the capacity of scientific observer in the NAFO area, North West Atlantic and Irish Coast. She has also experience on finfish and shellfish aquaculture that she gained working in Scotland. She has also worked under contracts for SAI Global on assessments against the FAO Responsible Fisheries Management and Marine Stewardship Council in Iceland, Alaska and Ireland.

Don Bowen

Dr William Don Bowen is a Ph.D. graduate of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. He retired from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in May 2016 after 37 years with the Department. Prior to his retirement, he was a research scientist at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and an Adjunct Professor of Biology at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia for 31 years. He is currently an Emeritus Research Scientist at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography and continues his adjunct position at Dalhousie University. He has conducted research mainly on the ecology and population dynamics of North Atlantic seals. His professional interests also include mammalian life histories, population assessment, ecological interactions with fisheries, conservation, and ecosystem change. From 1985 to 1989, he managed fish and marine mammal stock assessments and ecological research on the Scotian Shelf for the DFO. He has published 240 scientific papers, including 170 journal articles and book chapters, and has edited two books. He has served on the USA recovery team of the Hawaiian monk seal, and as chair of the UK Special Committee on Seals. He has broad national (Natural Science and Engineering Research Council, DFO) and international (US National Academy, US National Science Foundation, US Center for Independent Experts, US National Marine Fisheries Service, UK Natural Environment Research Council, North Pacific Research Board) experience as a science advisor and served as member of the Board and Editor of Marine Mammal Science for five years. For nine years he chaired the National Marine Mammal Peer Review Committee of DFO, the body responsible for providing science advice to the Minister of Fisheries. He has considerable experience as an MSC assessor (Alaska pollock, Pacific cod, Flatfishes) in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska and has been an MSC peer reviewer of Cornish Hake, US West Coast groundfish trawl fisheries, Icelandic Blue Whiting, Orange Roughy, and West Greenland Halibut.

Joe Powers

Dr Powers has been involved in fisheries issues for more than 40 years, conducting stock assessments, coordinating international stock assessment research, communicating scientific advice to fishery management councils and commissions and also serving as the senior marine fisheries manager in the southeast US. His background includes: Professor of Marine Resource Assessment at Louisiana State University; Senior Stock Assessment Scientist of the US's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) southeast region, Laboratory Director of a NMFS facility; lead US scientist for Atlantic tuna, swordfish and billfish species for the International Commission for the conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT); Chair of the Scientific Committee of ICCAT; Chair of the Stock Assessment Committee for Southern Bluefin Tuna; Chair of the Scientific Committee of the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council. He has also worked on numerous Marine Stewardship Council assessments of tunas, swordfish, hake and other fisheries resources in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans.

John Neilson

Dr John D. Neilson is an internationally-recognized fisheries scientist, who has published more than 200 scientific and technical papers. His studies have taken place on all three of Canada's coasts, as well as throughout the Atlantic Ocean, and the Caribbean Sea. His work is highly cited (eight papers cited > 100 times), with one included in the top 100 cited papers in fisheries science.

His specialties include population ecology, age and growth, and stock assessment. He is considered by his peers to have good skills in consensus building, and he have taken on demanding and high profile roles chairing Canada's National Marine Mammal Peer Review Committee (2000-2003), and coordinating all swordfish stock assessments conducted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (2003 - 2013). He also has experience as a scientific editor. He also has considerable experience with fisheries development work, having conducted a two year long mission in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, where he mentored national biologists, and helped to establish a regional program of data collection and stock assessment in the Eastern Caribbean. Thus, he has a broad range of experience with stock assessments ranging from data rich to data poor situations.

Although now retired from the Canadian federal government after a 30 year long career, he remains involved with voluntary scientific work (including serving on Canada's national committee dealing with species at risk (marine fish)), community initiatives, and fisheries consultancies with clients including the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, the European Community, and the US Center for Independent Experts.