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## **Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the SFSAG Northern Demersal Stocks Fishery**

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for the [SFSAG Northern Demersal Stocks Fishery](#) which is in a re-assessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body Control Union (UK) Limited. Two peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Clive Fox
- Matthew Cieri
- Terence James Holt

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 [this page of the MSC's website](#).

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The deadline for responses to the consultation is **17:00 UTC, 10 days from the publication date of this announcement on the MSC's website.**

### Clive Fox

Dr Fox has a varied background completing a PhD in lipid biochemistry at Stirling University and post-doctoral work on nutrition of tropical prawns. He then moved to the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science at Lowestoft in 1992 where he conducted research into the recruitment ecology of commercial fishes. He has led numerous field surveys in European waters complemented with desk-based research into issues such as the impacts of climate change on commercial fish stocks. He joined SAMS in 2007 to focus on Scottish fisheries and related management issues such as marine planning. His present role involves field and experimental studies, teaching and consultancy. Dr Fox's research interests include marine management; Commercial fisheries; Population dynamics of marine finfish; Links between zooplankton distributions and oceanography; Environmental and biological controls on the growth and survival of fish through the early life stages; Impacts of climate change on marine finfish and the development of indicators for use in ecosystem-based management. Dr Fox represents SAMS on the EUROCEANS Network, the Scottish Offshore Renewables Research Framework (SpoRRan) – Fish and Fisheries Specialist Receptor Group and the Marine Alliance Science Technology Scotland (MASTS) Fisheries Sub-committee. He was also previously Chair of the ICES North Sea Ichthyoplankton Planning Group and Shelf Seas co-ordinator for the European Network of Excellence EUROCEANS. Dr Fox has published over 100 peer reviewed and non-peer reviewed papers relating to fisheries. He has also worked on a number of MSC certifications including North Sea plaice and saithe.

### Matthew Cieri

Dr Matthew Cieri is a graduate of the University of Maine where he received a PhD in Biological Oceanography studying the migrations of larval and juvenile American eel. After completing a post doctoral fellowship at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole Massachusetts USA, Dr Cieri started his fisheries career in 2001 working at the Maine Department of Marine Resources (MEDMR) where he is still employed full-time. His current focus is working on small pelagic fish stock assessment, trophic interactions, monitoring, and management analysis, though he has since branched out into Groundfish as well as other species.

As a consultant since 2011, Dr Cieri has done work for a variety of clients including analyses for the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership, peer reviews of US stock assessments and methods for the Center for Independent Experts, reports for consumers for Seafood Watch, and Marine Stewardship Council work with ME Certification. Through his work at MEDMR and as a consultant, he continues to explore the interesting and connected fields of fishery stock assessment, trophic relations between small pelagic and groundfish stocks, and fisheries sustainability.

### Terence James Holt

Dr Terry Holt is an independent marine environmental consultant, with longstanding experience of managing marine consultancy projects, assessments, and surveys. He holds a BSc. degree in Marine biology and a Ph.D. in Seaweed Cultivation. He is a former director of CMACSLtd and Niras Consulting Ltd, and has over 35 years' experience in seabed ecology, including shellfish ecology, marine aquaculture (both research and commercial), fish and invertebrate surveys including scallops and other commercial shellfish, seabed surveys including trawl, dredge, grab, pots, camera and acoustic, and a variety of environmental impact assessments. He has provided expert advice on molluscan fisheries at planning enquiries and has published on trawl damage to seabed communities and on sensitivities of biogenic reef habitats. Dr Holt has been involved in MSC pre-assessments, main assessments, annual audits and peer reviews for queen scallops, mussels, cockles, clams and oysters in Europe, Canada and South east Asia since 2001, and has also contributed to pre- and full assessments of longline and trawl fisheries. He contributed at early MSC workshops on the development of generic scoring guidelines and refining of assessment method. In 2000 he carried out a preliminary assessment of a number of U.S. aquarium fish wholesalers and retailers against draft sustainability standards on behalf of MAC (Marine Aquarium Council). He has also carried out assessments of fishing vessels/crew under the UK Sea Fish Industry Authority's Responsible Fishing Scheme and passed the training course for the MSC's recently released standards for seaweed certification.