

Norwegian Seafood Export Council

North East Arctic Offshore Haddock Fishery MSC Certification Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd

Peer Review Timescale

Peer Review of the draft report for the above fisheries is now underway. This review process is due for completion by **16th December 2009**.

On completion, the draft reports will be updated to take account of peer review comments and then shall be provided for stakeholder comment. Peer review reports shall be appended to the draft report.

The peer reviewers carrying out the review are:

1. Dr Michael Gregg Pawson. Mike Pawson recently retired as senior fisheries advisor at Cefas, Lowestoft, after 39 years carrying out biological research and providing scientific advice to Defra, the EC and other national and international organisations on fish stock abundance (salmonids, eels, marine teleosts and elasmobranchs), technical conservation measures and fisheries management regulations, and on related monitoring, sampling, survey and research programmes. Between 1974 and 1980 he initiated and led acoustic surveys for blue whiting and mackerel, and trawl surveys in the North Sea and, from 1980 to 1990, designed and managed MAFF's coastal fisheries programme, implementing biological sampling, trawl surveys, a fishermen's logbook scheme and socio-economic evaluation of sea bass fisheries. Between 1990 and 2002 Mike led the Cefas Western demersal team, providing analytical assessments and management advice for 12 finfish stocks and, since 2002, directed and managed the assessment of salmon and eel stocks in England and Wales and provided scientific advice on their conservation.

During this time he was co-ordinator of the Anglo-French English Channel Fisheries Study Group (1989-1997), chairman of the ICES Southern Shelf Demersal Stock Assessment Working Group (1996-98), Seabass Study Group (2000-04) and Elasmobranch Study Group (2001-02), and initiated and managed EU-funded multi-national projects on methods for egg-production stock biomass estimation, bio-geographical identity of English Channel fish stocks, bio-economic modelling of Channel fisheries, development of assessment methods for elasmobranchs, marine recreational fishing in Europe etc. He recently managed the preparation of 9 Seafish responsible sourcing guides.

Mike has provided scientific evaluation, quality assurance and advice to several national and EC-funded projects on fisheries biology, monitoring and assessment, and one of his major roles over the last 15 years has been peer-reviewing scientific papers, project proposals, reports and manuscripts in preparation. All of Mike's work has been published in refereed Journals, in ICES and EC working group reports, and in contract reports.

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2. Jake Rice. Jake is based at the Canadian Stock Assessment Secretariat, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada, where he is responsible for coordinating all national and regional processes for peer review and provision of scientific advice on fisheries and marine science issues. The job includes integrating traditional knowledge with scientific results (and fishers with scientists at peer review meetings), thereby ensuring all review processes are open and transparent to all clients, while maintaining highest standards for objectivity and scientific quality. He is responsible for organising and chairing review meetings and workshops on trans-regional topics, chairing many national working groups, and serving as Headquarters liaison for many Regional science review and advisory groups. Jake also represents Canada at many international fisheries science bodies. He retains some research activities of international stature, particularly in the areas of ecosystem management and the effects of fishing on marine ecosystems. He has also taken part in the MSC assessment of the South Georgia Patagonian Toothfish fishery and was part of the MSC Objections Panel for the New Zealand Hoki fishery.

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