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O.C. Joensen – Faroe Islands Queen Scallop Fishery
Marine Stewardship Council Fishery Standards
Conformity Assessment Body: Vottunarstofan Tún ehf.

Notification of Nominations for Assessment Team

The independent conformity assessment body, Vottunarstofan Tún ehf., is currently carrying out assessment of the **Faroe Islands Queen Scallop Fishery** against the MSC Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing.

Tún is now preparing to appoint a team of experts to assist in the assessment work. Collectively the team is expected to combine expertise in the areas of stock evaluation, ecosystem impacts and management relevant to the assessed fishery.

Tún is nominating the following experts to the assessment team:

- Louise le Roux M.Sc.
- Kjartan Hoydal Cand.Scient.
- Guðrún G. Þórarinsdóttir Ph.D.
- Gunnar Á. Gunnarsson Ph.D.

The details of the proposed team members are provided below. These have been nominated on the basis of their knowledge and experience appropriate to this assessment.

Stakeholders are invited to provide any comments on the suitability or otherwise of any of the nominees.

Comments on the subject of this notification should be submitted by **22 June 2012 at 17.00 GMT** to:

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Details on the Proposed Members of the Assessment Team

Louise le Roux M.SC., assessment coordinator and leader

Mrs le Roux graduated in 1997 in Marine Biology from the University of Iceland. In 1993-1998 she was in charge of the deep-sea crab section at the Namibian Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources, which included numerous administrative duties, management advice and stock assessment work. In 1998-2000 she lectured and was involved in the development and teaching of various courses for the Natural Resources BSc program on fisheries biology, management and population dynamics at the University of Namibia. She also briefly taught for the Fisheries Training program at the United Nations University in Iceland. From 2001 Mrs le Roux has worked for deCode Genetics Inc., currently as R&D manager. Louise le Roux has attended MSC CAB training seminar, has served on Tún's fisheries certification committee and is currently deputy coordinator for Tún's sustainable fisheries scheme.

Kjartan Hoydal, Cand.Scient., Head Expert Assessor

Kjartan Hoydal graduated from the University of Copenhagen in 1969 with a Cand.Scient. degree in Marine Ecology. His expertise ranges from fish biology to fish stock assessment, management of fisheries and the impact of fishing on the marine ecology. Mr Hoydal's professional background includes work as fisheries biologist at the Faroese Fisheries Laboratory, where he among other things conducted assessment of principal commercial stocks. In 1980-1982 he served as the head of the Advisory Committee of the International Council for the Exploration of the Seas (ICES) and in 1982-1985 he served ICES in the capacity of a Statistician and Fisheries officer. In 1986-1996 Mr Hoydal was the Director of the Faroese Fisheries Administration, while simultaneously heading delegations or serving as mediator and observer on fisheries issues on behalf of the Government of the Faroe Islands. He worked with the Nordic Council of Ministers as Secretary for Nordic Atlantic Cooperation, and has served on the board of various organisations including the Danish Institute of Marine Research and the Faroese Aquaculture Research Station. He chaired the North Atlantic Marine Mammals Commission (NAMMCO) and served as President of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO). Since becoming the Secretary of the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) in 2001, the main theme in Mr Hoydal's work has been the impact of fisheries on marine ecosystems, with the participation in numerous meetings and other dealings on this topic. Mr Hoydal has lead NEAFC's drive towards the monitoring and mitigating of the ecological impact of fisheries in the NEAFC regulatory area, for example in the context of UN (GA resolution 61/105) and other international resolutions on the subject. Mr Hoydal was a member of an expert team assessing the Faroe Isles queen scallop fishery against the MSC Principles and Criteria.

Guðrún G. Þórarinsdóttir, Ph.D., Expert Assessor

Guðrún G. Þórarinsdóttir graduated as a Cand.Scient in marine biology in 1987 from the University of Aarhus. She completed her doctorate from the same university in 1993, with the biology of *Chlamys islandica* as her special research subject. Dr Þórarinsdóttir has lectured and supervised research students for post-graduate programs in marine biology at the University of Iceland and for the Fisheries Training programme at the United Nations University. She is a member of the ICES working group on Marine Shellfish Culture and has written extensively on her core specialities, i.e. the biology and environmental impact of harvesting of bivalves and sea cucumber, especially scallops in Icelandic

waters. Currently Dr Þórarinsdóttir is serving as marine biologist at the Marine Research Institute in Reykjavík.

Gunnar Á. Gunnarsson, Ph.D., Expertise Input on Chain of Custody and Experience as Lead Auditor

Gunnar Á. Gunnarsson completed his Ph.D. degree in 1989 from the Department of Government at the London School of Economics & Political Science, with public policy on industrial and environmental issues as his research subject. Dr Gunnarsson has written numerous articles on public policy, environmental issues, standards and certification, and is a co-author of Iceland and the United Nations, an analysis of Iceland's participation in the UN and its voting patterns within the General Assembly. In 1993 he was involved in the founding of Vottunarstofan Tún, Iceland's first organic and sustainable certification body and has since been its Managing Director. He has a long auditing experience, mostly as an organic inspector, and more recently as a chain of custody auditor, and has completed a SWEDAK seminar on internal auditing. He has attended several of MSC's CAB training seminars and is the coordinator for Tún's sustainable fisheries scheme.
