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## **Russian Sea of Okhotsk Pollock**

### **Marine Stewardship Council Certification**

**Certification Body: Acoura Marine Ltd.**

### **Notification of Proposed Peer Reviewers**

Acoura Marine nominate the individuals below as potential peer reviewers for this fishery. They will review the Peer Review Draft Report as required under the MSC Principles & Criteria for Sustainable Fishing. Below are their names and a short description of their relevant experience.

All stakeholders are now invited to provide comments on the suitability or otherwise of any of the nominees. **Any such comments must reach us by 17:00 GMT on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018.**

**Please note:** Any claim/s regarding the suitability or otherwise of the proposed peer reviewers for this fishery assessment should be accompanied by objective evidence in support of the aforementioned claim/s.

The MSC provides a set of guidelines and templates to assist in the transfer of information between stakeholders and Certification Bodies. These should be used for any comments you wish to make on this or any other stage of the assessment process and can be found here:

<http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders>

Comments should be sent in the first instance to:

**Acoura Marine Fisheries Department**

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The proposed peer reviewers are:

#### **Gudrun Gaudian**

Dr Gudrun Gaudian is an experienced marine ecologist and taxonomist, including coastal and marine surveys, EIA's for development and tourism, and research projects in tropical and temperate seas. Work experience also includes coastal and marine management issues, such as identifying sustainable coastal development projects, as well as addressing conservation issues, including selection and planning of marine parks and reserves, sustainable utilisation of natural resources and community based management programmes. Projects have been undertaken in temperate, polar and tropical marine regions. For some years now, Dr Gaudian has been working in fisheries certification applying the Marine Stewardship Council standard for sustainable fisheries, currently concentrating on Principle 2 of the Standard. Furthermore, Dr Gaudian holds an LLM degree in Environmental Law and Management, giving a deeper understanding of law and policy dealing with such relevant issues as the

Common Fisheries Policy, water and waste management, and international environmental law including EU environmental policy.

### **Rainer Thomas**

Mr. Rainer Thomas (MSc) is a fisheries biologist with over 30 years experience in marine and freshwater fisheries research / aquaculture management in Germany, Suriname, Nigeria, Indonesia, Bulgaria, Bangladesh, Georgia and Uganda. He has worked on stock assessments in the North Atlantic and Baltic Sea for both pelagic and demersal species, as well as participating in international multi-disciplinary research cruises. In Suriname, Nigeria and Indonesia he worked with universities and the national Governments to design an oceanography institute building and to develop fish stock assessment procedures, and to implement aquaculture techniques between 1981 and 1992. From 1992 until 2003 he worked on fisheries and environmental research projects (e.g. herring migration) at the University of Kiel, and lectured in training courses on fish stock assessment procedures to postgraduate students. He acted as liaison officer for the diplomatic formalities for the German Research vessels at the Institute of Marine Science (IFM Kiel today GEOMAR) and was responsible for the logistics of the research cruises. For the German Carl Duisberg Centre in Hamburg he made several international project evaluations for oceanography scholarship students. He provided feasibility studies on sport fishing for the WWF and for the GFA Consulting Group on a production line for fish sauce in Poland. More recently he has been working as a freelance consultant providing advice on aquaculture management within the EU. He worked as consultant for trout farms in Bulgaria and Georgia in 2011 / 2014 and was as well as responsible for training peasant in Tilapia aquaculture in Bangladesh and Uganda 2012 / 2015. He was involved in several audits of the saith fishery (MSC certification) made a peer review for a proposal of a herring certification.