

15th March 2016

Canada Northern and Striped Shrimp

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: Acoura Marine Ltd

Notification of Proposed Peer Reviewers

Acoura Marine would like to nominate the following individuals 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 25th March 2016.**

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 Fisheries Department

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The proposed peer reviewers are:

Colin Bannister

Colin is a fisheries and shellfisheries scientist, Trustee and Vice Chairman of the Buckland Foundation, and an Emeritus Fellow at the Cefas Laboratory, Lowestoft. He retired in 2004, with nearly 40 years' knowledge of the dynamics and management of N Atlantic finfish and shellfish stocks.

From 1964-1974 he studied the biology and assessment of flatfish stocks around Iceland and the North Sea, leading to a PhD in 1971. He was seconded to Brussels in 1975-76 to give specialist advice on the distribution, stock status and management of fish stocks during the formulation of the EU CFP. From 1981 to 2000 he headed the Cefas coastal shellfish team where he was advisor to Defra on the monitoring and management of shellfisheries, movement controls for oyster diseases, and the field evaluation of pioneering lobster stock enhancement experiments, in recognition of which he received the 1999 Walne Medal of the Shellfish Association of Great Britain (SAGB). In the 1990s he was a member and chairman of the ICES Shellfish Committee and the Consultative Committee, and contributed to a restructure of the ICES scientific and advisory committee processes. From 2001 until his retirement in 2004 he headed the large Cefas finfish team responsible for monitoring and assessing finfish stocks in waters around the UK, and for advising officials and the fishing industry on ICES and EU recommendations for recovering depleted fish stocks.

In retirement Colin is a guest lecturer on fisheries science and management at King's College, London, and remains active in various roles associated with the Shellfish Association of Great Britain and the management of shellfish stocks, and is a member of the academic board of the National Lobster Hatchery at Padstow. He has undertaken MSC assessments and peer reviews of American lobster, and northern prawn fisheries in Canada and Greenland, and has recently become a member of the MSC peer review college. He received the 2014 Le Cren medal of the Fisheries Society of the British Isles, for communication and knowledge transfer, and in 2015 was made Hon DSc by the University of Hull. Colin was a joint Buckland Foundation Professor for 2015-16, and presented his lecture in London, Edinburgh, Hull and Anstruther, entitled "Has EU fisheries management achieved the recovery of depleted stocks, despite the impact of climate change?".

Johan Groeneveld

Johan Groeneveld is a marine biologist with over 20 years' experience working in marine fisheries and their impacts on target and bycatch species, and on marine environments. He obtained a PhD in marine ecology in 2001 at the University of Cape Town in South Africa, and currently works as a Senior Scientist at the Oceanographic Research Institute in Durban, where he is also an Honorary Associate Professor at the University of KwaZulu Natal. His previous experience includes 12 years as a government scientist tasked with applied fisheries research and management of commercial spiny lobster fisheries in South Africa. He spent 2 years as a specialist fisheries advisor to the fisheries ministry in the Sultanate of Oman. He regularly undertakes consulting projects to the private sector, including for the fishing industry and clients such as the World Bank, UNEP, and the FAO. Johan has worked extensively on collaborative fisheries development projects, particularly at a regional scale in the Western Indian Ocean. He has a strong publication record in a range of peer-reviewed journals, and is also on the editorial board of the leading journal 'Fisheries Research'. He has written, or contributed to numerous technical reports dealing with fisheries assessments, marine environmental management and research capacity development. He has participated as an assessor in the MSC certified Tristan da Cunha spiny lobster fishery, and in the recent re-assessment of the deep-sea hake trawl fishery in South Africa. At the request of the fishing industry, he was recently (2015) tasked with investigating the potential of an 'Extension of Scope' assessment for the hake trawl fishery, to include bycatch species under the existing MSC certificate. Johan has participated as a peer-reviewer for the Normandy and Jersey lobster fishery, and has been involved in several MSC pre-assessments in southern and eastern Africa. He has also attended and given presentations at MSC training workshops in South Africa.