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## Barents Sea Cod, Haddock and Saithe Fishery

### Marine Stewardship Council Certification

### Certification Body: Food Certification International Ltd

## Notification of Proposed Peer Reviewers

FCI 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 Sunday 1st February 2015**

**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:

### FCI Fisheries Department

[fisheries@foodcertint.com](mailto:fisheries@foodcertint.com)

The proposed peer reviewers are:

### Andrew I.L. Payne

Dr Andrew I.L. Payne is an honours graduate of the University of London and completed post-graduate degrees at the Universities of Stellenbosch and Port Elizabeth in South Africa. He worked in Namibia for five years, South Africa for 25 years (eventually leaving in 2000 as Director of the Sea Fisheries Research Institute), and retired in 2013 from the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas), UK, where he was first Science Area Head for Fisheries and then "roving" international fisheries consultant in which role he managed a large commercial contract evaluating sites for future nuclear power stations to be built in the UK, and the Fisheries Science Partnership, an initiative bringing scientists and fishers together in a common aim to produce information of use to those charged with managing Europe's fish stocks. Most of his research work was conducted in South Africa, and he has published widely in the scientific literature, mainly about fisheries management and demersal fish in particular. He was an active player in the Benguela Ecology Programme, was involved in drafting South Africa's first democratic fisheries policy (which later became enshrined as the Marine Living Resources

Act), and was a leading player in the establishment of the Benguela Current Large Marine Ecosystem project and the BENguela Environment, Fisheries, Interaction, and Training (BENEFIT) project, the latter two concentrating on three countries, Angola, Namibia and South Africa. From 2003 to 2011, he was Editor-in-Chief (and from 2000 to 2003 editor) of the ICES Journal of Marine Science, was the founding editor/editor-in-chief (and now international panel member) of the (South) African Journal of Marine Science, and is Series editor of the Springer book series Humanity and the Seas. He has also conducted peer expert review of fisheries in Argentina, South Africa and the USA, and was involved in the EU's TACIS project on Sustainable Management of Caspian Fisheries, among other EU projects. He has conducted several accreditation reviews for the Marine Stewardship Council, the full ones being for Antarctic krill and for Russian pollock, has acted as expert reviewer of the report on US Limited Entry Groundfish Trawl fishery recertification, and has acted as condition-meeting evaluator for the SA hake trawl fishery. Recently too, he was part of a three-man international team that formally evaluated the ICCAT Bluefin tuna research programme. Finally, he has personally written/edited one book – "Oceans of Life off Southern Africa", and lead-edited and contributed to two more – "Management of Shared Fish Stocks", and "Advances in Fisheries Science; 50 years on from Beverton and Holt", the latter two both for Cefas.

### **David Japp**

Mr Japp is a Fisheries Scientist with an undergraduate degree in Zoology and Oceanography and a Masters degree in Fisheries Science. Presently he is director of Capricorn Fisheries Monitoring (CapFish) in South Africa, working for all sectors of the fishing industry including the state authority, the fishing industry, international organizations and numerous other groups. Prior to studying he worked at sea for 10 years as a deck officer and navigator in the Merchant Marine.

His experience in fisheries management and related research is extensive and covers more than 20 years. He was previously employed at the Sea Fisheries Research Institute (now The Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries or DAFF) from 1988 to 1997 as a biologist and manager and at the time he left this institution was head of the offshore resources section (demersal and pelagic stocks). His role at DAFF was primarily management, biology and resource assessment and he was responsible for the submission of management advice on hake and other demersal stocks. He was also responsible for, planned and led, many demersal hake-directed biomass surveys. Mr Japp has retained an intimate knowledge of all aspects of the demersal and other fisheries including the trawling methods and has authored many fisheries-related papers as well as numerous technical reports for the FAO (including high-seas guidelines for fishing, MPAs and Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries). Further, Mr Japp has also provided many expert reports for Environmental Impact Assessments relating to fisheries and has a good knowledge of Southern African and global fisheries including project appraisals for the World Bank in the East African and West Indian Ocean regions. Regarding the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC), Mr Japp was an assessor of the South African hake fishery from 2002 through to reassessment in 2009. He is presently on the assessment team for Tristan da Chuna lobster, has conducted pre-assessments for Kenya lobster, Tanzanian octopus, Mozambique shrimp, patagonina toothfish, South Africa tuna pole (albacore), has been appointed on the Russian Pollock assessment team, has refereed numerous MSC assessments and also supervises MSC-related Chain of Custody audits in South Africa.

### **Helen Davies**

Helen Davies is a private consultant specialising in sustainable fisheries management and oceans governance. She has a masters degrees in Environmental and ecological sciences from Lancaster University (1992) and Fisheries economics from Portsmouth University (2005) and has worked for UK Government agencies and environmental NGOs in marine resource management for over 20 years. In 2008, Helen was appointed to Defra's Marine and Fisheries Science Unit where she managed the marine and freshwater fisheries research programmes and co-ordinated programme reviews of the marine biodiversity and marine environment thematic areas. From 2004-2006, Helen was the fisheries policy officer at WWF where she was particularly involved in the development of the EC's Regional Advisory Councils, promoting sustainable fishing practices in European fisheries with Member States and industry officials. Prior to this she worked for 12 years with Natural England's predecessor English Nature, as well as their sister agency in Scotland- Scottish Natural Heritage, as a conservation officer and specialist maritime officer. Helen has also worked closely with small scale fisheries in East Africa and aquaculture operations in New Zealand.