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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the Omega Protein Corporation U.S. Atlantic menhaden purse seine

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for the [Omega Protein Corporation U.S. Atlantic menhaden purse seine](#) which is in assessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body SAI Global. Two peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Kristin Kleisner
- William Karp
- Tom Jagielo
- Lisa Borges

A summary of their experience and qualifications is included on the following pages. Further details of their experience are available on request by email to the [Peer Review College](#).

Interested stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments on potential conflicts of interest of the short-listed reviewers with the fishery to the Peer Review College by email, telephone or post at the number and address below.

The Pilot Phase for the College has now been completed, and the College has been approved by the Oversight Committee and MSC Board to proceed into full implementation from 1st September 2017. For further details on the pilot and background to the Peer Review College, please visit the MSC's [Program Improvements website](#).

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The deadline for responses to the consultation is **17:00 GMT, 10 days from the publication date of this announcement on the MSC's website.**

Kristin Kleisner

Kristin is a scientist working with the Northeast Fisheries Science Center and the Nature Conservancy on methods for quantifying and modeling the effects of climate change on species assemblages on the U.S. northeast shelf. She is also working with Environmental Defense Fund on various fisheries issues. She holds a Ph.D. in Marine Biology and Fisheries from the University of Miami Rosenstiel School and her dissertation research focused on improving stock assessments using spatial statistics. From 2008 to 2010 she worked at Texas Tech on spatial management strategies for the protection of red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico. Prior to her work in the northeast U.S., she held a research position with the Sea Around Us project at the Fisheries Centre at the University of British Columbia from 2010 to 2013, working on the Ocean Health Index Food Provisioning models and on measuring the effects of fishing on marine resources, the development and testing of global data-poor stock assessment techniques and indicators of ecosystem health. Kristin has published over 20 peer-reviewed manuscripts and has reviewed papers for journals such as Nature, PLOS One, Fisheries Research, Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Science, Marine Ecology Progress Series, and others.

William Karp

Retired in September 2016, after a 30-year career with NOAA Fisheries. For the last five years of his employment with NOAA, he served as Science and Research Director of the Northeast Fisheries Science Center in Woods Hole. For the preceding 25 years, he was a researcher and administrator at the NOAA's Alaska Fisheries Science Center in Seattle, most recently as Deputy Science and Research Director. He has extensive experience in survey, assessment, and monitoring of marine fish populations and fisheries, and in designing and implementing broad based research programs to address assessment questions. He has substantive experience in providing science-based advice for management for fisheries in Alaska, and off the East and West Coasts of the US. He has advised the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, the New England Fishery Management Council, and the Mid Atlantic Fishery Management Council, and served as a non-voting member of the New England and Mid Atlantic Councils. He is currently an affiliate professor at the University of Washington and a NOAA Fisheries Scientist Emeritus. He is also a US Delegate to the International Council for Exploration of the Sea (ICES) and is fully familiar with the ICES advisory process.

Tom Jagielo

Tom Jagielo has a wide breadth of experience in marine fish science, habitat studies, and oceanography. He formed his own firm in 2008 to provide consulting services in quantitative fisheries science. Previously he served for 24 years with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and 6 years with the Fisheries Research Institute at the University of Washington in Seattle. He has specialized in groundfish stock assessment and survey design, adapting state of the art tools and methods to assess marine fish populations for sustainable fisheries management. He has produced groundfish stock assessments used by the Pacific Fishery Management Council, including analysis of lingcod, black rockfish, and yelloweye rockfish populations. Tom has experience working with government agencies, commercial and recreational fisheries groups, Native American tribes, community organizations, and both national and international advisory groups. He has received appointments to the Scientific and Statistical Committee of the Pacific Fishery Management Council, the Technical Subcommittee of the US-Canada Groundfish Committee, the Pacific Coast Ocean Observation System, and other workshop panels and review bodies. He has published in peer-

reviewed journals and symposium proceedings, and has presented papers at national and international meetings. Tom received a B.S. degree in Biology from the Pennsylvania State University, and a M.S. degree in Fisheries from the University of Washington, where he also conducted post M.S. graduate studies in fisheries population dynamics and parameter estimation. In addition to serving as an MSC Surveillance Team Member/Auditor (variously as P1,P2, or P3 expert) for stocks in the US and Europe (e.g. sablefish, Pacific halibut, Icelandic lumpfish, golden redfish, and saithe), he has experience in providing MSC Peer Reviews on the West Coast-US (Pacific hake, Limited Entry groundfish), Alaska (BSAI/GOA Pacific cod, BSAI/GOA flatfish, BSAI/GOA pollock), and Australia (blue grenadier).

Lisa Borges

Lisa has been a fishery scientist for the last 18 years and now runs her own consultancy firm. Lisa has a BSc in Marine Biology & Fisheries from the University of the Algarve (Portugal), an MSc in Fisheries from the University of Porto (Portugal), and a PhD on discards from demersal fisheries from the National University of Ireland. She has worked for three national fisheries research institutes, which include IPIMAR (Portugal), the Marine Institute (Ireland), and IMARES (The Netherlands). Lisa has extensive knowledge and experience of assessing the environmental impact of fisheries, with a particular focus on discards and bycatch in particular. She also has knowledge and experience of fisheries management policies, including harvest control rules, management plans and discard policy development. Lisa developed conservation policies for Atlantic fish stocks when she worked for the European Commission in Belgium. Lisa has experience in both pelagic and demersal stock assessments, and is familiar with MSC assessment procedures, having participated as a principle 1 and 2 expert on four different assessments over the last year.