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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the Irikla Reservoir Pikeperch (*Sander lucioperca*)- Scope Extension to the Irikla Reservoir Perch Fishery

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for *Irikla Reservoir Pikeperch* which is currently being assessed as a scope extension in the [Irikla Reservoir Perch Fishery](#) by the Conformity Assessment Body MRAG Americas, Inc. One peer reviewer will be selected from the following list:

- Ray Beamesderfer
- Steve Nelson

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 shortlisted reviewers with the fishery to the Peer Review College by email, telephone or post at the number and address below.

For further details and background to the Peer Review College, please visit [this page of the MSC's 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.**

Ray Beamesderfer

Mr. Ray Beamesderfer, M.Sc., Senior Fish Scientist, Fish Science Solutions, USA. Mr. Beamesderfer holds a bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology from the University of California, Davis, and a Master's in Fishery Resources from the University of Idaho. As a consultant for the last 17 years, Ray has completed a wide variety of projects in fish stock assessment, fishery management, biological assessment, and conservation/recovery planning. He is the author of numerous reports, assessments, management plans, and scientific articles on fish population dynamics, fish conservation, fishery, and hatchery management, sampling, and species interactions. He previously worked for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in fish research, fishery management and policy analysis. Ray has served on numerous MSC assessment teams and peer reviews for fisheries in Alaska, Japan and Russia and brings perspective and harmonization between salmon fishery assessments in the Pacific.

Steve Nelson

Steve Nelson has about 25 years of experience in coastal and fishery management. During this time, he has worked in management, scientific, and communication roles for US and international programs sponsored by federal, state, and local governments, academic institutions, NGOs, and private companies. He has technical expertise in fishery management, stock assessment, coastal ecology, biodiversity conservation, GIS and spatial analysis, climate change adaptation and resource economics. He is competent using state-of-the art methods, models and tools relevant to these disciplines and stays current with ongoing learning. He has experience working in the seafood industry with expertise in sustainability certification and product traceability. He was the fishery team leader for the MSC full assessment of the Bratsk Reservoir perch fishery. He also served as client advisor for MSC certifications of the Russian Alaska pollock fisheries in the Bering Sea and Sea of Okhotsk and a reviewer of the Lake Peipus perch and pike perch fishery in Estonia. Moreover, he assessed and peer reviewed numerous fisheries certified under the FAO Responsible Fishing Management label for stocks in Alaska, Iceland, and Gulf of Mexico. He earned a BA in economics from the University of Virginia and an MS in environmental biology (estuarine ecology) from George Mason University plus additional training in stock assessment.