



**MSC Fisheries Certification Assessment  
OCI Grand Bank Yellowtail Flounder Fishery  
Certification Body: Intertek Fisheries Certification**

**Notification of Proposed Peer Reviewers**

A Peer Review panel has been proposed for this fishery. Potential peer reviewers have been approached on the basis of their experience of one or more of the following; the fishery under assessment, fishery management, stock assessment issues and relevant ecosystem interactions.

A short CV for each reviewer is provided below, and full CVs can be found on the MSC web page for this fishery, here: <https://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/north-west-atlantic/OCI-grand-bank-yellowtail-flounder/re-assessment-downloads>.

All stakeholders (including the applicant fishery) are now given the opportunity to state any objections to the selection of a proposed member of the peer review panel, on the basis of any conflicts of interest, accompanied by a statement on the basis of any objection.

Comments on the suitability of any of the persons listed below should be forwarded, **before 5pm GMT, June 5<sup>th</sup> 2015**, to Dr. Rob Blyth-Skyrme at the following e-mail address: [rob@ichthysmarine.com](mailto:rob@ichthysmarine.com)

If you wish to provide comment at any stage of the assessment process the MSC have provided a template for stakeholders to complete and submit their comments. This can be downloaded from the following link: <http://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/forms-and-templates/msc-template-for-stakeholder-input-into-fishery-assessments/view>

Intertek Fisheries Certification will notify identified stakeholders of key steps in the assessment process directly through email. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this notification please forward to them and notify us so we may add them to our list of stakeholders. It should be noted that because email is not a fool-proof way of transmitting notifications, we ask that stakeholders also subscribe to the free notification service provided by the MSC at: <http://www.msc.org/newsroom/updates>

Should you wish to obtain further information on the MSC, this is available on their web site at <http://www.msc.org>.

As a conformity assessment body, Intertek Fisheries Certification has dispute resolution procedures available should these prove necessary. These are available by contacting the Lead Assessor below.

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**Proposed Peer Reviewers:**

**1. Dr. Howard Powles**

Howard Powles has worked in fishery science, stock assessment, and conservation and management of fishery resources since the mid-1960's, as a working scientist, science manager, program manager, and consultant. As a science advisor and science program manager at Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) (1993-1998), he participated in peer reviews of stock assessments of a range of pelagic, demersal and invertebrate species, and led a review of the Department's stock assessment program. As Director of Fisheries Science and of Biodiversity Science (1998-2004) at DFO Headquarters he was active in developing ecosystem-based approaches to ocean management, in particular approaches based on defining ecosystem objectives and indicators, and led the Department's activities on

developing and implementing new endangered species legislation. As a consultant since 2005, he has completed projects on implementing the precautionary approach for Canadian lobster fisheries and in support of FAO reviews of proposals to list species on CITES appendices, among others. Howard has been a member of MSC assessment teams for 7 fisheries in Canada, Greenland and the USA.

## **2. Robert O'Boyle**

Robert O'Boyle received his B.Sc. and M.Sc. from McGill and Guelph Universities in 1972 and 1975 respectively. He was with Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography (BIO) in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia during 1977 - 2007. During this time, he conducted assessments of the Maritime and Gulf region's fish resources (e.g. herring, capelin, cod, haddock, pollock, flatfishes, sharks). He headed the Marine Fish Division, with responsibility for the finfish research programs and assessment-related activities of over 80 scientific and support staff. He also coordinated the peer review of scientific advice on fisheries resources and ocean uses and was Associate Director of Science, as such being extensively involved in science program management at the regional and national level. He has been involved in a number of national and international reviews, ranging from science program design to resource assessment. He is currently president of Beta Scientific Consulting Inc. (betasci.ca) which provides a variety of services on ocean resource management including meeting chairing, technical review, analyses and assessment. Projects have included analyses and assessments of forage species (Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Coast Menhaden), deepwater species (Scotian Shelf Cusk) and endangered species (Atlantic Leatherback Turtles). He has been and is currently the principle one or two expert of a number of MSC certifications (e.g. BC Dogfish, Chilean Hake, Nova Scotia, US and Australian Swordfish, Barents Sea Cod, Haddock, and Saithe, North Sea Haddock, Danish Plaice, Deepwater Black Scabbardfish, Blue Ling, and Roundnose Grenadier, Russian Pollack and US West Coast groundfish) and has been peer reviewer on a number of MSC assessments. He has been the chair and / or reviewer of NMFS and ASMFC stock assessments (e.g. GARM III, SEDAR 18, SARC 50, SARC 54, SARC 55, River Herring/Eel), and has prepared special reports on ocean management issues for government, industry and NGO groups. He has been a member of the Scientific and Statistical Committee of the New England Fisheries Management Council since 2008. He pursues research projects related to resource and ocean management and assessment, including the interaction of cod and grey seals on the Scotian Shelf, the impact of fish migrations of fishery selectivity patterns and risk analysis in data poor assessments.