

## **Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Certification**

### **US Acadian Redfish, Haddock and Pollock Otter Trawl Fisheries**

*Client:*

**Cape Ann Seafood Exchange, Inc.**

### **Notification of Proposed Peer Reviewers**

SAI Global Assurance Services would like to nominate the following individuals as potential peer reviewers for the above fisheries. They will review the draft peer review report as required under the MSC Principles & Criteria for Sustainable Fishing. Below are their names and a short description of experience.

All stakeholders are now given the opportunity to object to this choice, any comments on the suitability of these scientists should be submitted by:

- **17:00 GMT, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

Comments should be sent to:

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**Mr. Rick Stanley**

Rick Stanley received a M.Sc. in Zoology from the University of British Columbia in 1977. Following work on overseas fisheries projects in Indonesia (1978) and El Salvador (1979), he worked for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) as a research biologist at the Pacific Biological Station in Nanaimo Canada until August 2013. During those years with DFO, he was senior author or co-author of 19 peer-reviewed stock assessments on British Columbia populations of various species of rockfishes (*Sebastes* spp.). He also served on the working groups and review committees of assessment on many other species of groundfish and invertebrates. In addition to stock assessment activity, he has published primary papers on the general biology of rockfishes including papers on ageing, parasites and reproductive biology, as well acoustic biomass estimation. An additional focus of Mr. Stanley's work at DFO was the development of fishery catch monitoring programs and bottom trawl surveys for groundfish. Following his retirement from DFO in August 2013, Mr. Stanley began work as a self-employed fisheries consultant.

**Dr. Robert Leaf**

Dr. Robert Leaf has ten years of experience working in the field of natural resource management of fin and shellfish. He specializes in the evaluation of management strategies of harvested species and the identification of environmental drivers that impact their population dynamics. Dr. Leaf received his Master's Degree in Marine Science at Moss Landing Marine Laboratories and his PhD in Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences from Virginia Polytechnic and State Institute. His last professional post was as a post-doc under Dr. Kevin Friedland at the Northeast Fishery Science Center's Narragansett Laboratory. There, he worked on understanding the impact of environmental conditions on fish stock productivity and recruitment. He has worked in the Gulf of Mexico for the last three years working on fish stock assessment of commercially and recreationally important species in that area. Dr. Leaf is a member of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's Red Drum working group and NOAA's Marine Fisheries and Climate Taskforce. He currently supervises four masters level students working on various state and federally managed fish stocks.