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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the Manitoba Boreal Forest Lakes Walleye, Northern Pike, Yellow Perch, Lake Whitefish, and Lake Cisco Commercial Gillnet Fishery

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for the [Manitoba boreal forest lakes walleye, northern pike, yellow perch, lake whitefish, and lake cisco commercial gillnet fishery](#) which is in its first re-assessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body MRAG Americas, Inc.

Stakeholders are advised that this is the first of two peer reviewer shortlists that will undergo public consultation for this fishery. The assessment will be split into two parts, with the first portion being for the two units of assessment (UoA) in Waterhen Lake. A second peer reviewer shortlist for the peer review of the other UoAs will be announced at a later date.

Two peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Andrew Hough
- Randy Ericksen
- Robert Blyth-Skyrme
- 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.**

Andrew Hough

Dr Andrew Hough is a marine environmental consultant, with a PhD in marine ecology from the University of Wales, Bangor (1987-90). He has been involved in marine, coastal and freshwater environmental management since 1991, including management of fishery impacts on ecosystems and marine conservation biology, principally in European inshore waters. He was manager of Moody Marine operations within Moody International Certification from 1999 to 2011 with particular responsibility for the implementation of MSC Certification procedures and development of MSC methodologies. He has acted as lead assessor on a large proportion of MSC pre-assessments and main assessments during this time, and subsequently as team member and/or lead auditor for various assessments. This has involved stock assessment analysis, evaluation of ecosystem effects and management effectiveness of groundfish, pelagic and shellfish fisheries in various administrations around the world. He now works as a freelance environmental/fishery management consultant and auditor, with consultancy projects including certification-related policy advice to the Association of Sustainable Fisheries.

Randy Ericksen

Randy Ericksen has over 30 years of experience working in the areas of fish stock assessment, monitoring, escapement goal evaluation, run forecasting and international fisheries sustainability. He received a M.S. degree in Fisheries Science from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks and has worked with government agencies, commercial and recreational fisheries groups, indigenous groups, and national and international nongovernmental organizations. Randy is the author of numerous reports, fishery assessments, management plans, and scientific articles on fish population dynamics, fish conservation, fishery and hatchery management. He has been a speaker at international forums in the US, Canada and Russia. He has conducted preassessments for Russian salmon fisheries and assessed fisheries for the Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch Program. In addition, he completed an assessment of tuna fishery improvement efforts in Indonesia for WWF. Randy is currently Fisheries Science Director with Ocean Outcomes, a global fishery improvement organization that works with high-risk fisheries that face big conservation challenges.

Robert Blyth-Skyrme

Dr Rob Blyth-Skyrme has worked in aquaculture and then in marine fisheries science, management and policy since 1996. Following his PhD which focussed on fisheries management and the environmental effects of fishing, he worked at the Eastern Sea Fisheries Joint Committee, the largest inshore fisheries management organization in England, where he became the Deputy Chief Fishery Officer. He then became a senior advisor to the UK Government on marine fisheries and environmental issues, leading a team dealing with fisheries policy, science and nationally significant fisheries and environmental casework. Rob now runs Ichthys Marine Ecological Consulting Ltd., a marine fisheries and environmental consultancy. As well as working for Government and industry on fisheries science and management issues, he has undertaken all facets of MSC work as a Lead Assessor, expert team member and peer reviewer across a wide range of fisheries.

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 has 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.