



MSC Fisheries Certification Assessment

Clearwater Seafoods Limited Partnership Eastern Canada Offshore Lobster (*Homarus americanus*) 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 on the following page, and complete CVs are available on the MSC website. 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 17:00 GMT on the 7th November 2014**, to Dr. Rob Blyth-Skyrme, at the e-mail address below.

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

Dr. 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, with emphasis on invertebrate fishery resources and on ecosystem impacts of fishing. As a policy advisor and manager at Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) (1993-2000), he participated in peer reviews of the Arctic surf clam fishery and other molluscan and crustacean fisheries, 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 was the Department's lead on developing and implementing new Canadian endangered species legislation. Dr. Powles has been a member of MSC assessment teams for 7 fisheries

2. Dr. Jerry Ennis

Following undergraduate and graduate degrees at Memorial University of Newfoundland in the 1960s, Dr. Ennis completed a Ph.D in Marine Biology at the University of Liverpool in the early 1970s. He retired in 2005 following a 37-year research career with the Science Branch of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. He has produced an extensive list of scientific/technical reports and journal articles (40 in the primary, peer reviewed literature) focused primarily on lobster fishery and population biology and on various aspects of larval, juvenile and adult lobster behavior and ecology in Newfoundland waters. Dr. Ennis was Head of Shellfish Section for 27 years, in which capacity he oversaw research projects lead by 4-5 other scientists focused primarily on fisheries management related research on northern shrimp, snow crab, scallops, squid and other shellfish throughout the Newfoundland-Labrador area of the Northwest Atlantic. Throughout his career, Dr. Ennis was heavily involved in the review and formulation of scientific advice for management of shellfish in Atlantic Canada as well as the advisory/consultative part of managing the Newfoundland lobster fishery.

In retirement, Dr. Ennis has published several articles aimed at presenting fishery science primarily to harvesters but to other interested parties as well. For several years he served as rapporteur for annual stock assessments of shellfish resources in the Newfoundland-Labrador area and has participated in MSC certification projects for several Atlantic Canada fisheries as assessor for pre-assessments, team member for a full assessment and as peer reviewer.