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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the Canada Scotia-Fundy Haddock Fishery

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for [Canada Scotia-Fundy haddock fishery](#) which is in its second re-assessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body Global Trust Certification Ltd. Two peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Don Bowen
- Matthew Cieri
- Nancie Cummings

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 UTC, 10 days from the publication date of this announcement on the MSC's website.**

Don Bowen

Dr William Don Bowen is a Ph.D. graduate of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. He retired from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in May 2016 after 37 years with the Department. Prior to his retirement, he was a research scientist at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and an Adjunct Professor of Biology at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia for 31 years. He is currently an Emeritus Research Scientist at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography and continues his adjunct position at Dalhousie University. He has conducted research mainly on the ecology and population dynamics of North Atlantic seals. His professional interests also include mammalian life histories, population assessment, ecological interactions with fisheries, conservation, and ecosystem change. From 1985 to 1989, he managed fish and marine mammal stock assessments and ecological research on the Scotian Shelf for the DFO. He has published 240 scientific papers, including 170 journal articles and book chapters, and has edited two books. He has served on the USA recovery team of the Hawaiian monk seal, and as chair of the UK Special Committee on Seals. He has broad national (Natural Science and Engineering Research Council, DFO) and international (US National Academy, US National Science Foundation, US Center for Independent Experts, US National Marine Fisheries Service, UK Natural Environment Research Council, North Pacific Research Board) experience as a science advisor and served as member of the Board and Editor of Marine Mammal Science for five years. For nine years he chaired the National Marine Mammal Peer Review Committee of DFO, the body responsible for providing science advice to the Minister of Fisheries. He has considerable experience as an MSC assessor (Alaska pollock, Pacific cod, Flatfishes) in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska and has been an MSC peer reviewer of Cornish Hake, US West Coast groundfish trawl fisheries, Icelandic Blue Whiting, Orange Roughy, and West Greenland Halibut.

Matthew Cieri

Dr Matthew Cieri is a graduate of the University of Maine where he received a PhD in Biological Oceanography studying the migrations of larval and juvenile American eel. After completing a post doctoral fellowship at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole Massachusetts USA, Dr Cieri started his fisheries career in 2001 working at the Maine Department of Marine Resources (MEDMR) where he is still employed full-time. His current focus is working on small pelagic fish stock assessment, trophic interactions, monitoring, and management analysis, though he has since branched out into Groundfish as well as other species.

As a consultant since 2011, Dr Cieri has done work for a variety of clients including analyses for the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership, peer reviews of US stock assessments and methods for the Center for Independent Experts, reports for consumers for Seafood Watch, and Marine Stewardship Council work with ME Certification. Through his work at MEDMR and as a consultant, he continues to explore the interesting and connected fields of fishery stock assessment, trophic relations between small pelagic and groundfish stocks, and fisheries sustainability.

Nancie Cummings

Ms Nancie Cummings, a fisheries marine scientist for 35 years, has extensive experience in marine and estuarine fish science, population dynamics assessment and fisheries management, and data collection and sampling design for marine resources. Ms Cummings has been a federal fishery biologist based in Miami, Florida since 1983 and has been lead stock assessment analyst of fishery evaluations since 1984 for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic. She has extensive experience and is familiar with the management systems in use for federally managed fisheries resources. Ms Cummings has extensive experience using robust fisheries analytical procedures including Virtual Population Analysis (VPA), production models (ASPIC) and using fishery statistical catch at age models (Stock Synthesis). As a Lead Assessment Analysts, she carries out fishery stock evaluations for status determinations, and conducts projections of federally managed marine resources including reefish, mackerels, tunas, and shellfish. Ms Cummings has extensive experience working with commercial and recreational fisheries constituent groups, state agencies, tribal groups, national and international advisory groups, and academic institutions. Ms Cummings has published in peer-reviewed journals and symposium proceedings, presented results of stock assessment evaluations, status determinations, and future projections at national and international meetings, federal government management agencies meetings. Ms Cummings has experience in application of data poor stock assessment techniques and recent experience developing and leading Data Limited Stock Assessment Workshops (2) in the U.S. and in an International forum through the Gulf and Caribbean Research Institute (GCFI). Ms Cummings is the Regional focal point for the FAO, Western Central Atlantic Commission (WECAFC) Fishery Monitoring System (FRMS), the Vice Chair of the FAO, FRMS Committee, a member of the WECAFC Scientific Advisory Group (SAG), and acts as technical monitor for the Cooperative State-Federal Statistics Puerto Rico and US Virgins cooperative statistics programs. Ms Cummings completed an M.S. degree in Fisheries from the College of Fisheries, University of Washington conducting a population assessment of Pacific Cod in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Erskine College.