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## **Notification of Proposed Peer Reviewers Narody Severa-Bolsheretsk Salmon Fisheries**

MRAG Americas announces proposed peer reviewers for the Narody Severa-Bolsheretsk salmon fisheries. Potential peer reviewers must be considered, at a minimum, the peers of the experts comprising the assessment team, and have expertise in one or more of the following: the fishery under assessment, stock assessment issues, relevant ecosystem interactions, and fishery management.

A brief biography of each reviewer is provided below in alphabetical order. All stakeholders have an opportunity to comment on the proposed peer reviewers. Any stakeholder who objects to a proposed peer reviewer may submit a statement by 8 July 2014 justifying the objection.

**Dr. Chet Chaffee** is an expert on the scientific and policy issue surrounding sustainability and certifications. He has a distinguished and varied professional history that includes work for the National Marine Fisheries Service, Executive Vice President for Scientific Certification Systems, Inc., CA., Partner with Boustead Consulting & Assoc. USA, and as Vice President for FirstCarbon Solutions Inc., Dr. Chaffee has conducted more than 30 MSC pre-assessment projects worldwide covering more than 400 fisheries, including the Dungeness Crab Fisheries, US Albacore Fishery, and the US and Canadian Halibut fisheries. Dr. Chaffee also has significant experience in conducting a variety of full assessments, from some of the largest and most complicated fisheries assessed and certified under the MSC program (Alaska salmon, British Columbia salmon, Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Pollock (one of the largest commercial fisheries in the world), and Gulf of Alaska Pollock to small community-based fisheries such as Mexico's Baja spiny lobster fishery and Australia's Lakes and Coorong fishery. Among the fisheries assessed by Dr. Chaffee are pelagic net fisheries (pollock, sardines), bottom trawl fisheries (Chilean hake and Australian Mackerel icefish), and line fisheries (Pacific cod, US halibut, Canadian halibut, and US sablefish), as well as estuarine fisheries. Dr. Chaffee has most recently led an assessment team that assessed the first salmon fisheries in Russia (Iturup Island pink and chum fisheries) and is currently engaged on reviewing fishery assessment processes and outcomes.

**Dr. Greg Ruggerone** has investigated population dynamics, ecology, and management of Pacific salmon in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest since 1979. He was the Project Leader of the Alaska Salmon Program, University of Washington, from the mid-1980s to early 1990s where he was responsible for conducting and guiding research at the Chignik and Bristol Bay field stations, preparing salmon forecasts, and evaluating salmon management issues. Most of his research involves factors that affect survival of salmon in freshwater and marine habitats, including climate shifts, habitat degradation, predator-prey interactions, and hatchery/wild salmon interactions. He is currently a member of the Columbia River Independent Scientific Advisory Board and the Independent Scientific Review Panel. He recently served as the fish ecologist on the Secretary of Interior review of dam removal on the Klamath River. During the past six years, he has evaluated salmon fisheries for sustainability using guidelines developed by the Marine Stewardship Council.

Comments on the suitability of any proposed peer reviewers should be sent in writing by 8 July 2014 to:

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