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**Narody Severa-Bolsheretsk Salmon Fishery  
Notice of Proposed Assessment Team Members**  
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MRAG Americas, Inc. is currently undertaking the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) full assessment of the Narody Severa-Bolsheretsk Salmon fishery. MRAG Americas proposes to appoint the following scientists, listed in alphabetical order, to the assessment team; and seeks stakeholder feedback on these proposed members until 20 May 2013.

**Mr. Ray Beamesderfer, M.Sc.** Senior Fish Scientist, Cramer Fish Services

Mr. Beamesderfer holds a bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology from the University of California, Davis, and a Master's in Fishery Resources from the University of Idaho. Ray has special expertise in using quantitative analysis, statistics, and computer modeling to solve difficult fisheries-related questions, and in synthesizing and translating scientific analyses. He has completed a wide variety of projects in fishery management, biological assessment, and conservation/recovery planning. He is the author of numerous reports, biological assessments, management plans, and scientific articles on fish population dynamics, fish conservation, fishery and hatchery management, sampling, and species interactions. Ray has served on fishery assessment teams for salmon fisheries in Alaska and Russia.

**Dr. Dmitry Lajus** is an Associate Professor at the Department of Ichthyology and Hydrobiology at St. Petersburg State University since 2003. In 2006, Dr. Lajus received a Fulbright Fellowship at the University of New Hampshire. Previously, from 1987 to 2003, Dr. Lajus was a Researcher and Senior Researcher at the Zoological Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences. He specializes in population biology of marine fish and invertebrates, population phenogenetics, stress assessment, history of fisheries, historical ecology, and population dynamics. His salmon experience includes conservation implications of salmon genetics, salmon population dynamics, history of salmon fisheries, and salmon ecology. Dr. Lajus has an extensive list of peer-reviewed publications, chapters in books, conference proceedings, participation in international conferences, and involvement in international research and educational projects. Dr. Lajus received a M.S. degree from the St. Petersburg State University and a Ph.D. from the Zoological Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences.

**Dr. Robert J. Trumble (Assessment Team Leader)** joined MRAG Americas in 2000 as a senior research scientist and became Vice President in 2005. He has wide-ranging experience in marine fish science and management, fishery habitat protection, and oceanography. Dr. Trumble serves as Certification Manager for MRAG. He has overseen all MRAG pre-assessments and full assessments. He has received MSC training on three occasions, including the Risk-based Framework, and has led an RBF on three occasions. Previously, he served as Senior Biologist of the International Pacific Halibut Commission in Seattle, Washington, in various research and management positions at the Washington Department of Fisheries, and with the US Naval Oceanographic Office. Dr. Trumble has extensive experience working with government agencies, commercial and recreational fisheries groups, Indian tribes, and national and international advisory groups. He received appointments to the Scientific and Statistical Committees of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the Pacific Fishery Management Council, the Groundfish Management Team of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, the affiliate faculty of Fisheries at the University of Washington, and the

Advisory Committee of the Washington Sea Grant Program. Dr. Trumble received a Ph.D. in Fisheries from the College of Fisheries, University of Washington.

These individuals collectively have knowledge of the stock status and assessment, ecosystem impacts, and management systems applicable to this fishery. MRAG Americas seeks stakeholder comments on the suitability of the proposed team. Curriculum vitae for the proposed team are available upon request. Comments on the suitability of these scientists for the Narody Severa-Bolsheretsk Salmon fishery assessment should be sent to MRAG Americas by 5pm GMT on 20 May 2013. An announcement of the final team will be issued after the end of the comment period.

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