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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the Norway north east Atlantic blue whiting (scope extension of Herring)

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for the Norway north east Atlantic blue whiting, which is a scope extension of the Norway spring spawning herring fishery that is already certified, with the Conformity Assessment Body Det Norske Veritas Certification AS. Two peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Jo Gascoigne
- Don Bowen
- Milo Adkison
- Randy Ericksen
- Rob Whiteley

A summary of their experience and qualifications is included on the following pages. Full CVs 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 short-listed reviewers with the fishery to the Peer Review College by email, telephone or post at the number and address below.

Please note that this peer review is being undertaken as part of a pilot project to test the effectiveness and efficiency of the system, before it is launched for all MSC fisheries in early 2017. For further details on the pilot and background to the Peer Review College, please visit the MSC's [Program Improvements 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.**

Jo Gascoigne

Jo Gascoigne has been working in fisheries (research and consultancy) since 1995 and hence has 20 years of experience in the field. She has completed a PhD in fisheries research (the population dynamics and management of exploited or rare species). She has spent the last 8 years of her career as a consultant on a mixture of MSC assessments and associated projects, and longer-term projects focusing mainly on fisheries management and policy analysis.

Don Bowen

William Don Bowen is a Ph.D. graduate of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. He has been 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 more than 25 years. He has conducted research on the ecology, energetics and population dynamics of North Atlantic seals. His interests also include mammalian life histories, population assessment, ecological interactions with fisheries, conservation, and ecosystem change. He also managed fish and marine mammal stock assessments and ecological research on the Scotian Shelf for the DFO. He currently is responsible for seal and halibut stock assessments. He has published 220 scientific papers, including 160 journal articles and book chapters and 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 and US West Coast groundfishes.

Milo Adkison

Milo Adkison is a Professor of Fisheries in the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, where he's been since 1997. He's published extensively in quantitative aspects of fisheries science, applying quantitative methods to biology and stock assessment, focusing on Pacific salmon. He's served on a variety of scientific review panels, including 3 years on the Scientific and Statistical Committee of the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council. He teaches courses in stock assessment salmon management, modeling, and Bayesian decision analysis. He's served as a peer reviewer on MSC assessments of fisheries on Alaska salmon (2006, 2013), Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Pacific cod (2009), Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea flatfish (2009), and Hokkaido chum salmon (2013).

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 highrisk fisheries that face big conservation challenges. 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 highrisk fisheries that face big conservation challenges.

Rob Whiteley

Rob Whiteley is an independent marine fisheries consultant and founder and director of Working Sea Ltd. He is also employed by a UK government public body as a Fisheries Specialist and leads on their shellfishery and aquaculture work. He has over six years' involvement in assessing and advising on the impacts of all types of fisheries on habitats and species in MPAs, and has extensive consultation and engagement experience with a wide range of associated stakeholders. Rob is a key Advisory Group member of Project Inshore (a review of all English inshore fisheries against the MSC sustainability principles) and has experience as a representative on a MSC assessment and certification. He is also a Shellfish Association of Great Britain committee member and part of the Aquaculture Common Issues group. In a previous role Rob was a Scientific Fisheries Observer in the Falkland Islands, and assessed a wide range of fishing vessels of various nationalities in the South Atlantic including squid jiggers, and benthic and pelagic trawlers, and also undertook a deep-sea research cruise. Rob also has experience working in Australia where he designed and undertook various marine surveys, and produced a report for the NSW government on bycatch in their marine fisheries