

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

**The United States Atlantic Fishery for
Spiny Dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*)**

Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd

Notification of Proposed Peer Reviewers

Two Peer Reviewers have been proposed for this fishery. Potential peer reviewers were considered 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.

Brief details of the two proposed reviewers are provided below. 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 **3rd June, 2011** to Ian Scott at Moody Marine Ltd.

Yours sincerely

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Proposed Peer Reviewers:

Dr Graham Pilling. Graham is currently a fisheries scientist at the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (New Caledonia), and up to 2010 was a fisheries biologist & advisor and the Head of the Seas and Oceans Group with the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science, in Lowestoft, UK. With over sixteen years experience working in tropical, temperate and polar marine and freshwater ecosystems and fisheries, he has reviewed a considerable number of stock assessments around the world, chaired EU STECF (SGMED) and FAO (GFCM and data poor fisheries) meetings, developed fisheries management plans for Lake Paliastomi, Republic of Georgia, as well as designed and developed models to simulate the long-term impacts of uncertainty in stock biology and assessments on fisheries management, and methods to assess and manage data poor fisheries. In addition, he has acted

as a member of the MSC Assessment teams for a large number of fisheries around the world, focusing on Principle 2. He currently provides scientific advice to underpin the decisions of regional and sub-regional tuna management bodies in the South Pacific.

Dr Michael Pawson. Mike Pawson retired as senior fisheries advisor at Cefas, Lowestoft, after 39 years carrying out biological research and providing scientific advice to Defra, the EC and other national and international organisations on fish stock abundance (marine teleosts, elasmobranchs, salmonids and eels), technical conservation measures and fisheries management regulations, and on related monitoring, sampling, survey and research programmes. Between 1974 and 1980, he initiated and led acoustic surveys for blue whiting and mackerel, in L. Turkana, Kenya, and trawl surveys in the North Sea (1975-1979), and then spent 1 year working as an UNESCO Expert in Ichthyology in Tripoli, Libya. From 1980 to 1990, Mike designed and managed MAFF's coastal fisheries programme, implementing biological sampling, trawl surveys, a fishermen's logbook scheme and socio-economic evaluation of sea bass fisheries, and between 1990 and 2000 he led the Cefas Western demersal team, providing analytical assessments and management advice for 12 finfish stocks. During this time he was co-ordinator of the Anglo-French English Channel Fisheries Study Group (1989-1997) and chairman of the ICES Southern Shelf Demersal Stock Assessment Working Group (1996-98), and subsequently chaired the ICES Seabass Study Group (2000-04) and Elasmobranch Study Group (2001-02). He has initiated and managed EU-funded multi-national projects on methods for egg-production stock biomass estimation, bio-geographical identity of English Channel fish stocks, bio-economic modelling of Channel fisheries, development of assessment methods for elasmobranchs, marine recreational fishing in Europe etc. Mike has provided scientific evaluation, quality assurance and advice to several national and EC-funded projects on fisheries biology, monitoring and assessment, and one of his major roles over the last 15 years has been peer-reviewing papers, reports and manuscripts in preparation. Since 2002, Mike directed and managed the assessment of salmon and eel stocks in England and Wales and provided scientific advice on their conservation. All of Mike's work has been published in refereed Journals, in ICES and EC working group reports, and in contract reports. Mike has substantial experience in MSC certifications both as an auditor and as a peer reviewer.