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MARINE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL CERTIFICATION

WESTERN BERING SEA PACIFIC COD AND PACIFIC HALIBUT LONGLINE

STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION

NEW TEAM MEMBER

Marine certification LLC would like to inform that the decision has been made to add a new team member **Dr. Robert Blyth-Skyrme as a P2/P3 expert** to the team for the Western Bering Sea Pacific cod and Pacific halibut longline full assessment.

Dr. Robert Blyth-Skyrme is a fisheries and environmental specialist with extensive fisheries science, management and policy development experience. He holds BSc in Marine Biology, MSc in Aquaculture and PhD in Marine Fisheries. He was a fisheries management practitioner with the Eastern Sea Fisheries Joint Committee for one year, and led the marine fisheries and aquaculture work of English Nature and then Natural England for two years, where he provided thought leadership on major projects including the Marine Bill, the North Sea MPA Project, the MPA Campaign and the UK Scalping Strategy. He was seconded for two years to UK Government to provide expert support on fisheries elements of the Marine and Coastal Access Bill, and on the RSA Strategy, and was a fisheries representative on the Environment Agency's Anglian Regional Fisheries Ecology and Recreation Advisory Committee. Rob left Natural England in 2008 to establish Ichthys Marine Ecological Consulting Ltd., and has subsequently authored well received reports for Government agencies and commercial clients on subjects ranging from marine fisheries interactions with offshore windfarms to the development of an environmental standard for fisheries. Starting from 2009, he has undertaken assessments of fisheries (including several assessments of cod fisheries) globally, including in Russia (ongoing Russian Lake Peipus perch and pike-perch assessment) against the Marine Stewardship

Council standard as P2/P3 expert, has authored a number of papers in scientific journals, and undertakes peer review of technical reports for Government.

Rob passed MSC training for team leaders, including traceability and RBF modules, in 2016 and is an expert of the MSC Peer Review College.

Marine certification LLC confirms that Dr. Robert Blyth-Skyrme meets the competency criteria and has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a P2/P2 expert.

Marine certification LLC confirms that Dr. Robert Blyth-Skyrme has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.

Submitted by: Julia Nebolsina

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