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## **Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the Pan Pacific Yellowfin, Bigeye and Albacore Longline Fishery**

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for the [Pan Pacific yellowfin, bigeye and albacore longline fishery](#) which is in its first assessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body Control Union Pesca Ltd. Two peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Alice McDonald
- Jim Andrews
- Jo Akroyd
- Joel Rice
- Johanna Pierre
- Sophie des Clers

A summary of their experience and qualifications is included on the following pages. Further details of their experience 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 shortlisted reviewers with the fishery to the Peer Review College by email, telephone or post at the number and address below.

For further details and background to the Peer Review College, please visit [this page of the MSC's 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.**

### Alice McDonald

Alice McDonald is a fisheries professional with 15 years of experience in marine resource management in Australia and internationally, in government, non-government and international agencies. She has worked with fisheries in a range of countries and cultural environments, with a range of stakeholders, from civil society and industry, through to government Ministers and international fisheries commissions. Her recent experience includes providing strategic policy and management advice to Pacific Island countries on tuna fisheries, building on previous roles in Australian Government and State fisheries management agencies. She also worked for the Marine Stewardship Council in the early years of the program (2006-2008) reviewing fisheries assessments, and played a key role in enhancing the quality and consistency of MSC fisheries assessments through the development of the first default assessment tree.

### Jim Andrews

Dr Jim Andrews has over 20 years' experience working in marine fisheries and environmental management. His previous experience includes running the North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee as its Chief Executive from 2001 to 2005, and previously working as the SFC's Marine Environment Liaison Officer. During this time he was responsible for the regulation, management and assessment of inshore finfish and shellfish stocks along a 1,500km coastline. He has an extensive practical knowledge of both fisheries and environmental management and enforcement under UK and EC legislation. He has formal legal training & qualifications, with a special interest in the policy, governance and management of fisheries impacts on marine ecosystems. He has worked as an assessor and lead assessor on more than 20 MSC certifications within the UK, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Southern Ocean since 2007. He has assessed a wide range of fisheries including finned fish, shellfish, enhanced shellfisheries and also for several data-deficient fisheries requiring the use of the Risk Based Framework (RBF). Jim has also carried out numerous MSC Chain of Custody assessments within the UK, and also several peer reviews of MSC assessments. In December 2015 he was appointed to serve on the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority by the UK Government.

### Jo Akroyd

Jo Akroyd is a fisheries management and marine ecosystem consultant with extensive international and Pacific experience. She has worked at senior levels in both the public and private sector as a fisheries manager and marine policy expert. Jo was with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in New Zealand for 20 years. Starting as a fisheries scientist, she was promoted to senior chief fisheries scientist, then Fisheries Management Officer, and the Assistant Director, Marine Research. She was awarded a Commemoration Medal in 1990 in recognition of her pioneering work in establishing New Zealand's fisheries quota management system. Among her current contracted activities, she is involved internationally in fishery certification of offshore, inshore and shellfish fisheries as Fisheries Management Specialist and Lead Assessor for the Intertek Fisheries Certification audit team. She has carried out the Marine Stewardship Councils' (MSC) certification assessment for sustainable fisheries. Examples include NZ (hoki, southern blue whiting, albacore, hake, scallops), Fiji (longline albacore) Japan (pole and line tuna, flatfish, snowcrab, scallops), China (scallops), Antarctica (Ross Sea toothfish fishery).

### Joel Rice

Joel Rice has worked in the area of fisheries assessment, ecosystem modeling, and natural resource management for over 10 years and has direct experience conducting stock assessments in the Indian, Pacific, and Atlantic oceans.

Over the last six years Mr. Rice has authored nine stock assessments, with experience that spans data poor stock assessments (Rice and Harley 2012; Rice and Harley 2012b; Rice 2013; Rice and Sharma 2015) well as with complex stock assessments using state of the art assessment tools such as Stock Synthesis 3 and MFCL (Rice and Sharma 2015, Rice et al. 2014b).

Mr. Rice has significant expertise in development and analysis of data for stock assessments (Rice and Harley 2013b; Rice 2012, 2012), as well as in the use and development of harvest control rules, MSE and reference points in the development of stock assessments leading to management recommendations (Rice and Harley 2013; Rice et al 2014; Rice and Harley 2012; Rice and Harley 2012b). Mr. Rice has made communication of complex assessments to a diverse group of stakeholders a priority and has experience communicating the assessment results along with the associated uncertainty to audiences large and small.

### Johanna Pierre

Dr Johanna Pierre is a consultant specialising in fisheries and marine management. Her fisheries experience spans more than 15 years and encompasses fisheries management, policy, research, regulation, audit and evaluation. Dr Pierre has conducted pre-assessments, assessments, surveillance audits and peer reviews for Marine Stewardship Council fishery certification processes. She has also assessed and audited fisheries under other frameworks, including Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch, and the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna's Quality Assurance Review. Her consulting experience also includes a substantial body of work on reducing the environmental effects of commercial fishing, and fisheries reporting and monitoring programmes.

Prior to becoming a consultant and forming her company - JPEC Ltd - in 2011, Dr Pierre was a science advisor and then manager of the New Zealand Department of Conservation's Marine Conservation Services Programme. This is focused on managing and mitigating the effects of commercial fishing on marine protected species. She also worked on international science policy and diplomacy with New Zealand's Ministry of Science and Innovation.

Dr Pierre has a Ph.D. in environmental biology and ecology from the University of Alberta, Canada, where she worked in the forestry sector and developed her passion for evidence-based natural resource management. She then completed a post-doctoral fellowship in biodiversity science at the University of Tokyo, Japan, sponsored by the Japanese government. Her B.Sc. (Hons I) from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand, focused on ecology.

### Sophie des Clers

Dr Sophie des Clers is an independent scientific expert in fisheries management systems. She has over 30 years' experience in the formulation, monitoring, and evaluation of fisheries and aquaculture projects to build management capacity in the public and the private sector. She is trained in databases, applied statistics, population dynamics, microeconomics, law and public policy. Her past research and consultancy projects have taken her to fishing ports around the UK, EU, Norway, Africa and the North Sea, Mediterranean, Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans.

As a Principle 3 auditor, she has taken part in the MSC assessment and pre-assessment audits of more than 20 different fisheries including for cod, haddock, saithe, sole, herring, blue whiting, sardine, tuna, billfish, lobster and whelks. Having completed the MSC FCR v2.0 training, Sophie is a fully qualified Team Leader.