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## **Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Sweden Baltic herring and sprat Fishery**

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for [Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Sweden Baltic herring and sprat](#) fishery which is in its first assessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body Lloyds Register. Two peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Andrew Hough
- Lisa Borges
- Matthew Cieri
- Nancie Cummings

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.**

### Andrew Hough

Dr Andrew Hough is a marine environmental consultant, with a PhD in marine ecology from the University of Wales, Bangor (1987-90). He has been involved in marine, coastal and freshwater environmental management since 1991, including management of fishery impacts on ecosystems and marine conservation biology, principally in European inshore waters. He was manager of Moody Marine operations within Moody International Certification from 1999 to 2011 with particular responsibility for the implementation of MSC Certification procedures and development of MSC methodologies. He has acted as lead assessor on a large proportion of MSC pre-assessments and main assessments during this time, and subsequently as team member and/or lead auditor for various assessments. This has involved stock assessment analysis, evaluation of ecosystem effects and management effectiveness of groundfish, pelagic and shellfish fisheries in various administrations around the world. He now works as a freelance environmental/fishery management consultant and auditor, with consultancy projects including certification-related policy advice to the Association of Sustainable Fisheries.

### Lisa Borges

Dr Lisa Borges has been a fishery scientist for the last 18 years and now runs her own consultancy firm. Lisa has a BSc in Marine Biology & Fisheries from the University of the Algarve (Portugal), an MSc in Fisheries from the University of Porto (Portugal), and a PhD on discards from demersal fisheries from the National University of Ireland. She has worked for three national fisheries research institutes, which include IPIMAR (Portugal), the Marine Institute (Ireland), and IMARES (The Netherlands). Lisa has extensive knowledge and experience of assessing the environmental impact of fisheries, with a particular focus on discards and bycatch. She also has knowledge and experience of fisheries management policies, including harvest control rules, management plans and discard policy development. Lisa developed conservation policies for Atlantic fish stocks when she worked for the European Commission in Belgium. Lisa has experience in both pelagic and demersal stock assessments, and is familiar with MSC assessment procedures, having participated as a principle 1 and 2 expert on several assessments over the last four years.

### Matthew Cieri

Dr Matthew Cieri is a graduate of the University of Maine where he received a PhD in Biological Oceanography studying the migrations of larval and juvenile American eel. After completing a post doctoral fellowship at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole Massachusetts USA, Dr Cieri started his fisheries career in 2001 working at the Maine Department of Marine Resources (MEDMR) where he is still employed full-time. His current focus is working on small pelagic fish stock assessment, trophic interactions, monitoring, and management analysis, though he has since branched out into Groundfish as well as other species.

As a consultant since 2011, Dr Cieri has done work for a variety of clients including analyses for the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership, peer reviews of US stock assessments and methods for the Center for Independent Experts, reports for consumers for Seafood Watch, and Marine Stewardship Council work with ME Certification. Through his work at MEDMR and as a consultant, he continues to explore the interesting and connected fields of fishery stock assessment, trophic relations between small pelagic and groundfish stocks, and fisheries sustainability.

### Nancie Cummings

Ms Nancie Cummings, a fisheries marine scientist for 35 years, has extensive experience in marine and estuarine fish science, population dynamics assessment and fisheries management, and data collection and sampling design for marine resources. Ms. Cummings has been a federal fishery biologist based in Miami, Florida since 1983 and has been lead stock assessment analyst of fishery evaluations since 1984 for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic. She has extensive experience and is familiar with the management systems in use for federally managed fisheries resources. Ms. Cummings has extensive experience using robust fisheries analytical procedures including Virtual Population Analysis (VPA), production models (ASPIC) and using fishery statistical catch at age models (Stock Synthesis). As a Lead Assessment Analysts, she carries out fishery stock evaluations for status determinations, and conducts projections of federally managed marine resources including reefish, mackerels, tunas, and shellfish.

Ms. Cummings has extensive experience working with commercial and recreational fisheries constituent groups, state agencies, tribal groups, national and international advisory groups, and academic institutions. Ms. Cummings has published in peer-reviewed journals and symposium proceedings, presented results of stock assessment evaluations, status determinations, and future projections at national and international meetings, federal government management agencies meetings. She has experience in application of data poor stock assessment techniques and recent experience developing and leading Data Limited Stock Assessment Workshops (2) in the U.S. and in an International forum through the Gulf and Caribbean Research Institute (GCFI). Ms. Cummings is the Regional focal point for the FAO, Western Central Atlantic Commission (WECAFC) Fishery Monitoring System (FRMS), the Vice Chair of the FAO, FRMS Committee, a member of the WECAFC Scientific Advisory Group (SAG), and acts as technical monitor for the Cooperative State-Federal Statistics Puerto Rico and US Virgins cooperative statistics programs. Ms. Cummings completed an M.S. degree in Fisheries from the College of Fisheries, University of Washington conducting a population assessment of Pacific Cod in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Erskine College.