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ISF Iceland Saithe

Marine Stewardship Council Fishery Standards Conformity Assessment Body: Vottunarstofan Tún ehf.

Notification of Nominations for Assessment Team

The independent conformity assessment body, Vottunarstofan Tún ehf., is currently carrying out assessment of the ISF Iceland Saithe fishery against the MSC Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing.

Tún is now preparing to appoint a team of experts to assist in the assessment work. Collectively the team is expected to combine expertise in the areas of stock evaluation, ecosystem impacts and management relevant to the assessed fishery.

The names, summary profiles and potential roles of the proposed team members are provided below. Detailed CVs will be available for review alongside this notification on MSC's website. These experts have been nominated on the basis of their knowledge and experience appropriate to this assessment.

Stakeholders are invited to provide any comments on the suitability or otherwise of any of the nominees. Stakeholders are advised to consult and use for this purpose MSC guidelines and templates regarding stakeholder input available on http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders.

Comments on the subject of this notification should be submitted by 6 May 2013 at 17.00 GMT to:

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Ásgeir Daníelsson Ph.D., expert on Principle 3

Dr. Ásgeir Daníelsson graduated in 1985 with Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Manchester. Dr. Danielsson currently holds the position of head of research and forecasting in the Economics department of the Central Bank of Iceland. He has lectured on microeconomics, statistics, macroeconomics and fisheries economics at the University of Iceland and University of Akureyri. He has over 20 years' experience of macroeconomic analysis and analysis of the Icelandic fisher is for the Central Bank of Iceland and previously the National Economic Institute. He has, since the early 1990s been involved in and advised numerous national and international task forces analyzing the utilization of living marine resources and fisheries management. In 1993-1994 and again in 2001-2004 he was a member of a committee, set up by the Icelandic Minister of Fisheries charged with the task of formulating a long term policy on exploitation of fish stocks. He was worked with the "Nairobi group" set up by the UN's UNEP and UNSD, and was later also commissioned by the FAO, to provide a guide on the incorporation of environmental factors into national accounting, with special regard to fisheries and the living marine environment. Dr. Daníelsson has written and co-authored several peer-reviewed publications, as well as research reports, on the utilization of fish stocks in Icelandic waters, on the efficiency of the ITQs and on environmental and economic accounting of fisheries. Dr. Danielsson has during the last three years served as Principle 3 expert for two MSC fishery assessments.

Guðrún Marteinsdóttir, Ph.D., expert input on Principle 1 issues

Dr. Guðrún Marteinsdóttir is a fish ecologist and fishery analyst who graduated in 1991 with Ph.D. in Fish Ecology from Rutgers University in New Jersey. From 2001 she has been employed as a full Professor of Fishery Science in the Department of Biology at the University of Iceland. Dr. Marteinsdóttir has over two decades' experience of fisheries scientific research. Her expertise centres on the biology, behaviour and dynamics of demersal fish stocks; especially the genetics, stock structure, recruitment and environmental factors affecting cod. Recently, her focus has been on hydrodynamic variation and its effects on fish stocks. For this purpose she is leading a large effort in constructing a three dimensional ocean model for the Icelandic region (www.marice.is/code) and a hydrodynamic information system for the North Atlantic that will benefit both researchers and the industry. This work includes many species, especially pelagic species but also demersal species including cod and saithe. Additionally, Dr. Marteinsdóttir is leading a large research group at the University (www.marice.is) and has been a leading or senior author on a number of peer reviewed publications on cod, haddock, halibut, saithe, wolfish, lobster and salmon. She served as the Principal Researcher and Program Leader of an eight year long research project authorised by the Icelandic Marine Research Institute on the influence of stock structure and environmental conditions as they affect the recruitment processes of cod. Dr. Marteinsdóttir has served as the coordinator of numerous nationally and/or EU funded fish biology research projects. During the last 15 years she has served on several EU, NAFO and ICES committees devoted to research on living resources, climate change and environmental policy. Dr. Marteinsdóttir is familiar with the MSC fisheries assessment methodology. In the last five years she has served as an assessor of pre-assessments, as well as full assessment and first surveillance of the Atlantic cod, haddock and wolfish fishery.

Louise le Roux M.Sc., assessment coordinator and team leader

Louise le Roux graduated in 1997 in Fisheries Biology from the University of Iceland. In 1993-1998 she was in charge of research on the deep-sea red crab at the Namibian Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources. Duties included administration, management advice and stock assessment. In 1998-2000 she lectured and was involved in the development and teaching of various courses for the Natural Resources B.Sc. program on fisheries biology, management and population dynamics at the University of Namibia. She also briefly taught for the Fisheries Training program at the United Nations University in Iceland. From 2001 Ms. le Roux has worked for deCode Genetics Inc., currently

as R&D manager. Louise le Roux has attended MSC CAB training seminars where the assessment methodology, certification requirements and the use of the Risk Based Framework have been covered. She has served on Tún's fisheries/chain of custody certification committee and is currently deputy coordinator for Tún's sustainable fisheries scheme, where her responsibilities include the leading of expert teams conducting pre- and full assessments. Ms. Le Roux has experience and training in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques through various leadership training courses, MSC training on the use of the RBF, facilitation of a wide variety of meetings, including SICA meetings and experience in facilitating training.

Joseph E. Powers, Ph.D., expert on Principle 1 and Principle 3

Joseph E. Powers completed a Ph.D. degree in fisheries science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Virginia, U.S.A. Prior to taking on his present position of Associate Professor of Marine Resource Assessment in the Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences at the Louisiana State University, Dr. Powers served as Senior Stock Assessment Scientist for the US National Marine Fisheries Service where he among other things conducted research to develop and support environmentally sound national and international fisheries management programs. He chaired the Standing Committee for Research and Statistics of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) in 1998-2001, coordinating international research and developing stock assessment research on tuna fisheries. Dr. Powers has been a leading US scientist conducting stock assessments for Atlantic tuna and billfish species including bluefin tuna, swordfish, albacore and marlins for the ICCAT. He has considerable experience in conducting population dynamics studies, scientific stock assessments, in communicating results to constituents and managers, and serving as a fisheries manager. He has written extensively for numerous scientific publications on marine biology, stock assessment, fishery management and related issues. Dr. Powers has served as an assessor and peer reviewer of several MSC fishery assessment projects.

Sigmar A. Steingrímsson, Ph.D., expert on Principle 2

Dr. Sigmar Steingrímsson (lead assessor) graduated in 1989 with Ph.D. in Marine Biology from the University of Liverpool. He currently holds the position of department expert on environmental impact assessment (EIA) with the Icelandic National Planning Agency. Dr. Steingrímsson has a long experience of research into marine biology with the ecology of the seabed as his principal expertise. He has been involved in the designing and managing of fundamental research e.g. on the mapping of benthic invertebrates and cold water coral reefs in Icelandic waters and studied the distribution of vulnerable deep water habitats around Iceland in relation to bottom fishing. He has also directed research on the ecology of several coastal areas in connection with EIA. He was a member of a government committee on the conservation of vulnerable deep water habitats and has represented Iceland in numerous working groups on marine ecology within ICES, including ecosystem effects of fishing activities. Dr. Steingrímsson was for several years heavily involved in Iceland's participation in the OSPAR convention. He has attended several seminars on the MSC fishery assessment methodology and during the last three years he has served as lead assessor for the Atlantic Cod and Haddock fishery and has been a lead expert assessor of three MSC fishery pre-assessments.