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## **Proposed Peer Reviewer Announcement for the SFSAG Haddock fishery expedited assessment**

ME Certification Ltd (MEC) are undertaking the expedited assessment of the SFSAG Haddock fishery. In accordance with the MSC guidelines, MEC are proposing the following peer reviewers:

### **Dr Jan Geert Hiddink**

Jan is a marine ecologist with extensive expertise in measuring and modelling the response of benthic communities to disturbance and modelling recovery trajectories for these organisms. His research is focussed on gaining a quantitative understanding of the effect of disturbance (such as exploitation and climate change) on the biodiversity and functioning of marine benthic communities, and on how such effects can be mitigated. This research includes the effects of MPAs on the communities of benthic invertebrates and fish. Most recently Jan has been studying the effect of climate change on the biodiversity of marine organisms using time series. Jan aims to increase understanding of ecosystem functioning and distribution patterns by comparing empirical data with predictions of ecological models.

After completing his PhD in 2002, Jan started a postdoc at Bangor University, where he studied the impact of bottom trawling on the functioning of benthic invertebrate communities. Jan joined the lecturing staff in School of Ocean Sciences in 2006 and was promoted to Reader in 2013.

### **Dr Jim Andrews**

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. Jim 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, in Europe and in India since 2007. In 2008 he worked with the MSC and WWF on one of the pilot assessments using the new MSC Risk Based Assessment Framework. Jim has carried out numerous MSC Chain of Custody assessments within the UK.

A full CV's are available on request to MEC at the address below.

All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact Dr Hugh Jones at [hugh.jones@me-cert.com](mailto:hugh.jones@me-cert.com) or Chrissie Sieben [chrissie.sieben@me-cert.com](mailto:chrissie.sieben@me-cert.com) by email, telephone or post at the below number and address.

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The deadline for consultation is **17:00 GMT, 10 days from the publication date of this announcement on the MSC's website.**