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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the Russian Lake Peipus perch and pike-perch fishery

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for [Russian Lake Peipus perch and pike-perch](#) which is in initial assessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body Marine certification LLC. Two peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Martin Louis Van Brakel
- Lisa Borges
- Steve Nelson
- Raymond Beamesderfer

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.

The Pilot Phase for the College has now been completed, and the College has been approved by the Oversight Committee and MSC Board to proceed into full implementation from 1st September 2017. For further details on the pilot and background to the Peer Review College, please visit the MSC's [Program Improvements 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.**

Martin Louis Van Brakel

Martin is a scientist at the WorldFish Center Bangladesh & South Asia office. He holds an MSc in Agriculture and natural environment, with fisheries and aquatic ecology as main subjects, and PhD in aquaculture. Martin has more than 20 years of experience in fisheries research and development, starting his career as analyst on feeding ecology of the Ethiopian Lake Tana species flock of endemic cyprinids (*Barbus* spp.) and training assistant on the International Course on Data Handling for Tropical Fisheries Management, Wageningen, the Netherlands. From 1997 till 2001 he worked for the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, providing technical assistance to small-scale coastal artisanal and commercial fisheries in Cape Verde, subsequently assessing small scale capture fisheries and aquaculture potential in Latin America. From 2004 till early 2007 he was Course Director of the MSc program Aquatic Resource Development by Distance Learning, jointly operated in Bangladesh by the University of Stirling, UK, and Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU). From 2007 till 2009 he worked at the WorldFish Center as co-leader of the aquatic ecosystems and fisheries theme, Challenge Programme on Water and Food (CPWF), and project scientist on community-based fish culture in irrigation systems and seasonal floodplains. He led a regional case study on Mekong inland fisheries and aquaculture for the UK Government Office for Science, Foresight project: The Future of Food & Farming. Currently he works on the Enhanced Coastal Fisheries in Bangladesh (ECOFISHBD) project, aiming to enhance resilience of the Meghna River ecosystem and communities reliant on coastal fisheries through the establishment of effective co-management in Hilsa shad (*Tenualosa ilisha*) fisheries.

Lisa Borges

Lisa 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 in particular. 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.

Steve Nelson

Steve Nelson has approximately 25 years of experience in coastal and fishery management. During this time, he has worked in management, scientific, and communication roles for US and international programs sponsored by federal, state, and local governments, academic institutions, NGOs, and private companies. Steve has technical expertise in fishery management, stock assessment, coastal ecology, biodiversity conservation, GIS and spatial analysis, climate change adaptation and resource economics. He is competent using state-of-the art methods, models and tools relevant to these disciplines. Steve has experience working in the seafood industry with expertise in sustainability certification and product traceability. Steve has experience with the MSC fishery assessment process having been both a fishery team leader and reviewer on previous assessments. Steve has also assessed and peer reviewed numerous fisheries certified under the FAO Responsible Fishing Management label for stocks in Alaska, Iceland, and Gulf of Mexico. He earned a BA in economics from the University of Virginia and an MS in environmental biology (estuarine ecology) from George Mason University plus additional training in stock assessment.

Raymond Beamesderfer

Mr. Ray Beamesderfer, M.Sc., Senior Fish Scientist, Fish Science Solutions, USA. Mr. Beamesderfer holds a bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology from the University of California, Davis, and a Master's in Fishery Resources from the University of Idaho. As a consultant for the last 17 years, Ray has completed a wide variety of projects in fish stock assessment, fishery management, biological assessment, and conservation/recovery planning. He is the author of numerous reports, assessments, management plans, and scientific articles on fish population dynamics, fish conservation, fishery, and hatchery management, sampling, and species interactions. He previously worked for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in fish research, fishery management and policy analysis. Ray has served on numerous MSC assessment teams and peer reviews for fisheries in Alaska, Japan and Russia and brings perspective and harmonization between salmon fishery assessments in the Pacific.