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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the Lake Erie Multi-Species Commercial Fishery

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for [Lake Erie Multi-species Commercial](#) Fishery which is in its first re-assessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body SAI Global. Two peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Ray Beamesderfer
- Sophie des Clers
- Steve Nelson
- Tim Huntingdon

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 UTC, 10 days from the publication date of this announcement on the MSC's website.**

Ray 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.

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.

Steve Nelson

Steve Nelson has over 25 years of experience in coastal and fishery management. During this time, he 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. He has technical expertise in fishery management, stock assessment, coastal and river ecology, biodiversity conservation, GIS and spatial analysis, and resource economics. His experience includes projects for salmon, pollock, striped bass, red snapper, groundfish, perch, oysters, and crabs among others. He's worked with the seafood industry with expertise in sustainability certification and product traceability. He served as fishery team leader for the MSC full assessment of the Bratsk Reservoir perch fishery and peer reviewed fisheries in Estonia, Kamchatka, the Barents Sea, and Gulf of Mexico. He also served as client advisor for MSC certifications of the Russian Alaska pollock fisheries in the Bering Sea and Sea of Okhotsk. In other certification work, he evaluated and peer reviewed numerous fisheries certified under the FAO Responsible Fishing Management label for stocks in Alaska, Iceland, and Gulf of Mexico. In related fishery consultations, he provided technical expertise to the Netherlands Development Bank for coastal investments in Latin American and Asia and to USAID-funded lake fisheries in Malawi. He earned a BA in economics from the University of Virginia and an MS in environmental biology (estuarine ecology) from George Mason University and received additional training in stock assessment.

Tim Huntingdon

Tim Huntingdon is a fisheries biologist with over 30 years' industry and consulting experience. He has a degree and MSc in Applied Fish Biology. He has worked in capture fisheries and aquaculture in over 60 countries worldwide.

Following a number of industry and consulting posts, Tim has specialised in promoting sustainability in fisheries and aquaculture. This includes a number of fisheries development projects for the GEF, FAO and other agencies before focusing on the roles that eco-labelling can play in driving improved fishing practises and management. He has worked extensively with the MSC programme, including leading pre-assessments, full assessments as well as chain of custody audits for a number of certification bodies including Acoura, SAI, Intertek, Tún, MEP and SCS, specialising in P2 and P3. He has participated as lead auditor or a team member on a number of UK, NE and NW Atlantic, Indian Ocean and Pacific Ocean fisheries. He also works with fisheries on FIPs. Tim has participated in a number of multiple pre-assessment initiatives, including Project Inshore in the UK.

In addition to his work for the Certification Bodies, Tim has also worked direct for MSC, where his contributions have included a number of studies on chain of custody methodologies, looking at including aquaculture in the MSC fisheries standard and the 2011 review of environmental benefits of MSC certification. Tim is also the co-author of a number of reports published by FAO on the costs and benefits of fisheries certification for small-scale fisheries.