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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the Fishery Shipowner Association (FSA) Walleye pollock fisheries

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer reviews for the three fisheries listed below, which are in their initial assessment processes with the Conformity Assessment Body, UCSSL.

[Fishery Shipowners Association \(FSA\) Western Bering Sea Walleye pollock](#)

[Fishery Shipowners Association \(FSA\) East Sakhalin Walleye pollock](#)

[Fishery Shipowners Association \(FSA\) East Kamchatka and North Kuril Islands Walleye pollock](#)

Three peer reviewers will be selected to review each of the above fisheries, from the following list:

- Al Cass
- Daria Safronova
- Don Bowen
- Gudrun Gaudian
- Randy Ericksen

A summary of the peer reviewers' 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.**

Al Cass

Al Cass has almost 50 years of experience in fisheries stock assessment in British Columbia, Canada. Key stocks include Pacific groundfish species, BC salmon and recently as a member of a Pacific herring technical working group to advise on technical issues related to a management strategy evaluation of BC herring fisheries. Nearly 35 years of experience was with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). In addition to extensive fisheries stock assessment experience, Mr Cass was head of the regional DFO peer-review science advisory process (2002-2009) in support of fisheries management in Canada (Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat (CSAS). During 2009-2011 he also participated as the science lead and member of the DFO Pacific Cohen Commission of Inquiry into the decline of Fraser sockeye to: 1) coordinate Science sector staff contributions to the Inquiry; 2) participate in Team activities in an advisory capacity on Science and Department activities related to the Inquiry. Mr Cass retired from DFO in 2011 and has participated in fisheries science and management issues as a private fisheries consultant since then including as a team member of the MSC assessment of BC salmon fisheries (certified in 2016). He has also contracted with the Fisheries Sustainability Partnership Foundation (BC salmon) and Global Trust (Alaska salmon).

Daria Safronova

Ms Daria Safronova has a background in ichthyology, hydrobiology and aquatic ecology, and is currently Assistant professor at the Saint-Petersburg State University, Russia. She has worked with MSC fisheries since 2010, particularly actively since 2016. She has supported assessment teams working on the following MSC assessments: sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) in the Sea of Okhotsk, Western coast of Kamchatka peninsula and in Ozernaya River, Ust-Bolsheretsk district; Barents and Norwegian Seas cod (*Gadus morhua*) and haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*), red king crab (*Paralithodes camtschaticus*), blue king crab (*Paralithodes platypus*), bairdi tanner crab (*Chionoecetes bairdi*) in the West Kamchatka fishing subzone and the Kamchatka-Kuril fishing subzone of the Sea of Okhotsk; scallop (*Chlamys islandica*) in the Barents and White Seas; common perch (*Perca fluviatilis*) and pikeperch (*Sander lucioperca*) in Russian Lake Chany and Lake Peipus; sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*), chum salmon (*Oncorhynchus keta*), coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), quinnat salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), and pink salmon (*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*) in Eastern Kamchatka, Kamchatskiy Bay and Kamchatka Kray, Olyutorskiy Bay; Russia Northwest Pacific demersal fish, including Pacific cod (*Gadus macrocephalus*), Greenland halibut (*Reinhardtius hippoglossoides*), Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*), Grenadier (*Albatrossia pectoralis*, *Coryphaenoides acrolepis*), Skate (*Bathyrja violacea*), Sea of Okhotsk and Sea of Japan Japonicus snow crab (*Chionoecetes japonicus*), Angulatus snow crab (*Chionoecetes angulatus*), and Brown king crab (*Lithodes aequispinus*).

Don Bowen

Dr William Don Bowen is a Ph.D. graduate of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. He retired from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in May 2016 after 37 years with the Department. Prior to his retirement, he was a research scientist at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and an Adjunct Professor of Biology at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia for 31 years. He is currently an Emeritus Research Scientist

at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography and continues his adjunct position at Dalhousie University. He has conducted research mainly on the ecology and population dynamics of North Atlantic seals. His professional interests also include mammalian life histories, population assessment, ecological interactions with fisheries, conservation, and ecosystem change. From 1985 to 1989, he managed fish and marine mammal stock assessments and ecological research on the Scotian Shelf for the DFO. He has published 240 scientific papers, including 170 journal articles and book chapters, and has edited two books. He has served on the USA recovery team of the Hawaiian monk seal, and as chair of the UK Special Committee on Seals. He has broad national (Natural Science and Engineering Research Council, DFO) and international (US National Academy, US National Science Foundation, US Center for Independent Experts, US National Marine Fisheries Service, UK Natural Environment Research Council, North Pacific Research Board) experience as a science advisor and served as member of the Board and Editor of Marine Mammal Science for five years. For nine years he chaired the National Marine Mammal Peer Review Committee of DFO, the body responsible for providing science advice to the Minister of Fisheries. He has considerable experience as an MSC assessor (Alaska pollock, Pacific cod, Flatfishes) in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska and has been an MSC peer reviewer of Cornish Hake, US West Coast groundfish trawl fisheries, Icelandic Blue Whiting, Orange Roughy, and West Greenland Halibut.

Gudrun Gaudian

Dr Gaudian is an experienced marine ecologist and taxonomist, including coastal and marine surveys, EIA's for development and tourism, and research projects in tropical and temperate seas. Work experience also includes coastal and marine management issues, such as identifying sustainable coastal development projects, as well as addressing conservation issues, including selection and planning of marine parks and reserves, sustainable utilisation of natural resources and community based management programmes. Projects have been undertaken in temperate, polar and tropical marine regions. Since 2010 Dr Gaudian has been working on fisheries certification applying the MSC standard for sustainable fisheries, primarily as Principle 2 assessor, both as Team Leader and Team Member. Other relevant work carried out includes pre-assessments, peer reviews and MSC workshops. Furthermore, Dr Gaudian holds an LLM degree in Environmental Law and Management, giving a deeper understanding of law and policy dealing with such relevant issues as the Common Fisheries Policy, water and waste management, and international environmental law including EU environmental policy and Law of the Sea. Dr Gaudian has passed MSC Team Leader training v1.3 and v 2.0, as well as ISO 19011 training.

Randy Ericksen

Randy Ericksen has over 30 years of experience working in the areas of fish stock assessment, monitoring, escapement goal evaluation, run forecasting and international fisheries sustainability. He received a M.S. degree in Fisheries Science from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks and has worked with government agencies, commercial and recreational fisheries groups, indigenous groups, and national and international nongovernmental organizations. Randy is the author of numerous reports, fishery assessments, management plans, and scientific articles on fish population dynamics, fish conservation, fishery and hatchery management. He has been a speaker at international forums in the US, Canada and Russia. He has conducted preassessments for Russian salmon fisheries and assessed fisheries for the Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch Program. In addition, he completed an

assessment of tuna fishery improvement efforts in Indonesia for WWF. Randy is currently Fisheries Science Director with Ocean Outcomes, a global fishery improvement organization that works with high risk fisheries that face big conservation challenges.