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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the NFA Norway ling & tusk and NFA Norway lumpfish fishery

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for the fishery listed below:

[NFA Norway ling & tusk and NFA Norway lumpfish](#)

The fishery is in its first re-assessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body, DNV. Two peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Chrissie Sieben
- John Neilson
- Jose Peiro Crespo

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.**

Chrissie Sieben

Chrissie Sieben has a Master's Degree in Marine Environmental Protection which she obtained at the University of Wales, Bangor, and specialises in marine and fisheries ecology, marine environmental impact assessments and sustainable fisheries development. She was the MSC fisheries scheme manager at ME Certification Ltd (which later became CU Pesca) up until December 2018. Previous to joining MEC, she worked as a fisheries consultant and marine ecologist on UK-based and international projects. Chrissie is now an independent assessor with over eight years' experience with the MSC certification requirements and has acted as team leader and Principle 2 assessor on a range of preassessments, surveillance audits and full assessments of demersal and pelagic fisheries in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, Indian Ocean, Southern Ocean, Pacific and Caribbean. She also regularly participates in MSC training sessions and workshops. Chrissie speaks fluent French and Dutch in addition to English.

John Neilson

Dr John D. Neilson is an internationally-recognized fisheries scientist, who has published more than 200 scientific and technical papers. His studies have taken place on all three of Canada's coasts, as well as throughout the Atlantic Ocean, and the Caribbean and Mediterranean Seas. His work is highly cited (fifteen papers cited > 100 times), with one included in the top 100 cited papers in fisheries science. He has worked on a range of marine fish species from bluefin tuna and swordfish to pollock. His work has also included chinook salmon.

His specialties include population ecology, age and growth, and stock assessment. He is considered by his peers to have good skills in consensus building, and he has taken on demanding and high-profile roles chairing Canada's National Marine Mammal Peer Review Committee (2000-2003), and coordinating all swordfish stock assessments conducted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (2003 - 2013). He also has experience as a scientific editor. He also has considerable experience with fisheries development work, having conducted a two-year long mission in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, where he mentored national biologists, and helped to establish a regional program of data collection and stock assessment in the Eastern Caribbean. Thus, he has a broad range of experience with stock assessments ranging from data-rich to data-poor situations.

Although now retired from the Canadian federal government after a 30-year long career, he remains involved with scientific work, including consultancies with clients including the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, the European Community, and the US Center for Independent Experts. Most recently, he concluded a four-year term as Co-Chair of Marine Fishes for the Committee for the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (2016 to 2019).

Jose Peiro Crespo

Jose Peiro Crespo is a fisheries biologist with postgraduate studies in Development Cooperation and Sustainable Management. He has overall responsibility for the planning, design, execution, monitoring and evaluation of all the projects at Naunet Fisheries Consultants, a marine consultancy firm based in Norwich (UK). Naunet works for NGOs, the fishing industry and other consultancies conducting fisheries assessments, promoting the sustainable use of marine resources and developing initiatives

to improve living conditions in coastal communities in Europe and Africa through advice on marine environmental issues, fisheries and marketing of marine products.

His principal areas of expertise are artisanal and commercial fisheries and rural aquaculture. He has more than ten years of experience working in fishery and aquaculture related projects in Spain, Portugal, Senegal, Morocco, Peru and Mozambique. During this time, he has been involved in a wide range of projects such as the value chain analysis of small-scale fish-farmer communities in the Amazonian basin (Peru), the characterization of artisanal fisheries in the North of Portugal and the analysis of sustainable sources of octopus in the Indian Ocean. He has also recently managed a project to evaluate successful cases of co-management in coastal fisheries in North Western Africa (including Morocco, Mauritania, Senegal and The Gambia) funded by WWF.

He has conducted 50+ fisheries assessments for NGO's such as WWF and the Monterey Bay Aquarium acting as an expert in cephalopod fisheries (octopus, squids). He has also extensive knowledge about the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification process and Fisheries Improvement Projects (FIPs) as he has been participating as a fisheries expert in MSC certifications and reviewing FIPs since 2013 (in Spain, Portugal, Iceland, Scotland, Peru, Chile). He has just finished a review of more than thirty MSC certified fisheries to examine the effectiveness of the MSC certification scheme in assessing and tackling impacts on populations of by-catch species.