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Notification of Proposed Peer Reviewers
Northern Menai Strait mussel (*Mytilus edulis*) - Revision of Unit of Certification
to include seed mussels collected from the River Dee

MacAlister Elliott and Partners Ltd. (MEP) has undertaken the first annual surveillance audit for the Northern Menai Strait mussel fishery at the same time as the site visit for the proposed extension of Unit of Certification to include seed mussels collected from the River Dee. The following experts are proposed to conduct the peer review of the revision of UoC report:

- Dr. Mike Kaiser: Dr. Kaiser is an internationally known expert in marine ecology- particularly the ecological impacts and management of fisheries and marine conservation. He is currently professor of marine conservation biology at Bangor University and also conducted the full MSC certification assessment of the Northern Menai Strait mussel.
- Dr. Robert Blythe-Skyrme: Dr Blythe-Skyrme has 15 years working in marine fisheries. With numerous publications to his name, he has also worked for organisations such as Natural England as Senior Marine Fisheries Specialist. He is currently based in Hawaii, where he is the President of Ichthys Marine Ecological Consulting Incorporated, USA and Managing Director of Ichthys Marine Ecological Consulting Ltd in the UK. Dr. Blythe-Skyrme's CV is available on request to MEP.



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Any stakeholders wishing to comment on the proposed peer reviewers are invited to contact Chrissie Sieben at MEP or Dr. Jo Gascoigne. Please note that comments should be factual and should be supported by data or other evidence. Comments should be received by the 30th November 2011.

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