

MSC Fisheries Certification Assessment

Clearwater Seafoods Limited Partnership Eastern Canada Offshore Lobster (*Homarus americanus*) Fishery

Certification Body: Intertek Fisheries Certification

Confirmation of Assessment Team Members

Intertek Fisheries Certification is pleased to confirm the assessment team membership for this fishery. Team members are:

Principle 1: Dr. Julian Addison

Dr Julian Addison is an independent fisheries consultant with 30 years' experience of stock assessment and provision of management advice on shellfish fisheries, and a background of scientific research on shellfish biology and population dynamics and inshore fisheries. Until December 2010 he worked at the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) in Lowestoft, England where he was Senior Shellfish Advisor to Government policy makers, which involved working closely with marine managers, legislators and stakeholders, Government Statutory Nature Conservation Organisations and environmental NGOs. He has also worked as a visiting scientist at DFO in Halifax, Nova Scotia and at NMFS in Woods Hole, Massachusetts where he experienced shellfish management approaches in North America. For four years he was a member of the Scientific Committee and the UK delegation to the International Whaling Commission providing scientific advice to the UK Commissioner. He has worked extensively with ICES and was Chair of the Working Group on the Biology and Life History of Crabs, a member of the Working Group on Crangon Fisheries and Life History and a member of the Steering Group on Ecosystems Function. He has recently completed or is currently undertaking MSC full assessments for the Newfoundland and Labrador snow crab fishery, the Ireland and Northern Ireland bottom grown mussel fisheries, both the Estonia and Faroe Islands Barents Sea cold water prawn fisheries, and the Nephrops fishery in the Skagerrak and Kattegat. He has also undertaken various MSC pre-assessments and has carried out peer reviews of MSC assessments in both Europe and North America of lobster, cold water prawn, razorfish, cockle and scallop fisheries. Other recent work includes a review of the stock assessment model for blue crabs in Chesapeake Bay, USA, and an assessment of three Alaskan crab fisheries under the FAO-based Responsible Fisheries Management scheme.

Principle 2 and Lead Assessor: Dr. Rob Blyth-Skyrme

Rob has worked in aquaculture and then in marine fisheries science, management and policy since 1996. Rob started his career in finfish mariculture, before switching to a focus on wild fisheries. Following his PhD which focussed on fisheries management and the environmental effects of fishing, he moved to Eastern Sea Fisheries Joint Committee, the largest inshore fisheries management organization in England, where he became the Deputy Chief Fishery Officer. He then became a senior advisor to the UK Government on marine fisheries and environmental issues, leading a team dealing with fisheries policy, science and nationally significant fisheries and environmental casework. Rob now runs Ichthys Marine Ecological Consulting Ltd., a marine fisheries and environmental consultancy. Rob has undertaken all facets of MSC work as a Lead Assessor and expert team member, across varied fisheries including those for Alaska pollock, Pacific cod, Alaska salmon, North Pacific albacore, Grand Bank yellowtail flounder, Arctic surfclams and European mussels.

Principle 3: John Angel

John worked with the federal Department of Justice before moving to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans as head of legal and regulatory affairs in 1983. His last position in government (1994) was as Regional Director of Fisheries Management for the Scotia-Fundy Region. After ten years as Executive Director of the Canadian Association of



Prawn Producers, a trade association representing offshore northern shrimp interests in Eastern Canada, John retired from full time employment. He has extensive experience in the development of integrated resource management plans and fishing strategies as well as a background in Canadian fisheries law and is currently a member of the Fisheries Resource Conservation Council (FRCC), an independent advisory body to the Canadian Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. He continues to provide consulting services to the fishing industry through his firm, Angel Consulting Services, located in St. Margaret's Bay, Nova Scotia, Canada.

If you wish to provide comment at any stage of the assessment process the MSC have provided a template for stakeholders to complete and submit their comments. This can be downloaded from the following link:

<http://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/forms-and-templates/msc-template-for-stakeholder-input-into-fishery-assessments/view>

Intertek Fisheries Certification will notify identified stakeholders of key steps in the assessment process directly through email. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this notification please forward to them and notify us so we may add them to our list of stakeholders. It should be noted that because email is not a foolproof way of transmitting notifications, we ask that stakeholders also subscribe to the free notification service provided by the MSC at: <http://www.msc.org/newsroom/updates>

Should you wish to obtain further information on the MSC, this is available on their web site at <http://www.msc.org>.

As a conformity assessment body, Intertek Fisheries Certification has dispute resolution procedures available should these prove necessary. These are available by contacting the Lead Assessor below.

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