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## Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the Ireland rope grown mussel Fishery

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for [Ireland rope grown mussel](#) fishery which is in its Initial assessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body SAI Global. Two peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Jim Andrews
- Jo Gascoigne
- Martin Louis Van Brakel
- Rob Whiteley

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 the MSC's [Program Improvements website](#).

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The deadline for responses to the consultation is **17:00 GMT, 10 days from the publication date of this announcement on the MSC's website.**

### Jim Andrews

Dr Jim Andrews has over 20 years' experience working in marine fisheries and environmental management. His previous experience includes running the North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee as its Chief Executive from 2001 to 2005, and previously working as the SFC's Marine Environment Liaison Officer. During this time he was responsible for the regulation, management and assessment of inshore finfish and shellfish stocks along a 1,500km coastline. He has an extensive practical knowledge of both fisheries and environmental management and enforcement under UK and EC legislation. He has formal legal training & qualifications, with a special interest in the policy, governance and management of fisheries impacts on marine ecosystems. He has worked as an assessor and lead assessor on more than 20 MSC certifications within the UK, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Southern Ocean since 2007. He has assessed a wide range of fisheries including finned fish, shellfish, enhanced shellfisheries and also for several data-deficient fisheries requiring the use of the risk based framework (RBF). Jim has also carried out numerous MSC Chain of Custody assessments within the UK, and also several peer reviews of MSC assessments. In December 2015 he was appointed to serve on the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority by the UK Government.

### Jo Gascoigne

Dr Jo Gascoigne has been working in fisheries (research and consultancy) since 1995 and hence has 20 years of experience in the field. She has completed a PhD in fisheries research (the population dynamics and management of exploited or rare species). She has spent the last 8 years of her career as a consultant on a mixture of MSC assessments and associated projects, and longer-term projects focusing mainly on fisheries management and policy analysis.

### Martin Louis Van Brakel

Dr Martin Louis Van Brakel currently works at the WorldFish Bangladesh & South Asia office as a fisheries scientist. He has more than 20 years of experience in fisheries research and development. At present he is engaged in the assessment of aquatic resource based livelihoods, practices and ecotourism development, including recreational fisheries in the Nepalese Karnali River, home to the iconic Golden Mahseer (*Tor putitora*). Recently he led efforts to improve livelihoods of communities reliant on the hilsa shad (*Tenualosa ilisha*) as scientist on the Enhanced Coastal Fisheries in Bangladesh (ECOFISH) project.

From 2007 till 2009 he worked as co-leader of the aquatic ecosystems and fisheries theme, Challenge Programme on Water and Food (CPWF), and project scientist on community-based fish culture in irrigation systems and seasonal floodplains. He led a regional case study on Mekong inland fisheries and aquaculture for the UK Government Office for Science, Foresight project: The Future of Food & Farming. From 2004 till early 2007 he was Course Director, Aquatic Resource Development by Distance Learning, jointly operated in Bangladesh by the University of Stirling, UK, and Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU). From 1997 till 2001 he worked for the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, providing technical assistance to small-scale coastal artisanal and commercial fisheries in Cape Verde, subsequently assessing small scale capture fisheries and aquaculture potential in Latin America.

He holds an MSc in Agriculture and natural environment, with fisheries and aquatic ecology as main subjects, and PhD in aquaculture. His most recent assignment with the MSC was the peer review of the pikeperch fishery in Mälaren and Vänern, Sweden.

### Rob Whiteley

Rob Whiteley is an independent marine fisheries consultant and founder and director of Working Sea Ltd. He is also employed by a UK government public body as a Fisheries Specialist and leads on their shellfishery and aquaculture work.

He has over six years' involvement in assessing and advising on the impacts of all types of fisheries on habitats and species in MPAs, and has extensive consultation and engagement experience with a wide range of associated stakeholders. Rob is a key Advisory Group member of Project Inshore (a review of all English inshore fisheries against the MSC sustainability principles) and has experience as a representative on a MSC assessment and certification. He is also a Shellfish Association of Great Britain committee member and part of the Aquaculture Common Issues group.

In a previous role Rob was a Scientific Fisheries Observer in the Falkland Islands, and assessed a wide range of fishing vessels of various nationalities in the South Atlantic including squid jiggers, and benthic and pelagic trawlers, and also undertook a deep-sea research cruise.

Rob also has experience working in Australia where he designed and undertook various marine surveys and produced a report for the NSW government on bycatch in their marine fisheries.