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ISF Iceland Saithe

Marine Stewardship Council Fishery Standards
Conformity Assessment Body: Vottunarstofan Tún ehf.

Peer Reviewers Confirmed

The independent conformity assessment body, Vottunarstofan Tún ehf., is currently carrying out assessment of **the ISF Iceland Saithe Fishery** against the MSC Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing.

Referring to stakeholder notification issued on 24 October 2013 Tún has selected Bryce Beukers-Stewart and John Nichols to conduct peer reviews of the forthcoming Peer Review Draft Report on this assessment, based on their technical expertise in areas relevant to the assessed fishery.

Below is a short description of the expertise of the appointed peer reviewers.

Peer reviews are expected to be completed in November 2013.

Details of this assessment are found on MSC's website (http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/in-assessment/north-east-atlantic/isf_icelandic_saithe).

Any comments or queries regarding this notification shall be forwarded to:

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Summary Profiles of Peer Reviewers:

Bryce Beukers-Stewart Ph.D.

Bryce is a fisheries biologist and marine ecologist whose work has ranged from temperate estuaries to tropical coral reefs and the deep-sea. The central thread in his research has been to gain an increased understanding of the factors regulating marine populations and communities so as to ensure their sustainable exploitation, primarily by fisheries. He has been a lecturer in the Environment department at the University of York since 2007. For much of his career Bryce's research has focussed on the biology and management of fisheries. He has published widely on this

subject in the international peer-reviewed literature and presented at numerous conferences. His initial studies focussed on the biology of deep-water fish in order to provide fisheries management advice to the Australian government. Since moving to the UK in 1999 he has conducted considerable research on the biology and impacts of scallop fisheries. This work involved an intensive stock assessment programme to provide management advice to the Isle of Man government and other projects aimed at quantifying and reducing the environmental impact of scallop dredging. In particular, his research which showed that marine protected areas (MPAs) and stock enhancement could provide benefits to both fisheries and conservation has been highly influential in developing new marine management legislation in the Isle of Man and the United Kingdom. Current research topics include further work on MPAs, the management and reduction of fisheries discards, and investigating the effects of climate change on marine ecosystems. He also gained experience of undertaking sustainability assessments on a wide range of fish and shellfish species while co-ordinating the UK Marine Conservation Society's programme to promote ecologically sustainable fisheries and mariculture from 2005 to 2007. A large part of this work was to maintain the seafood consumer awareness website www.fishonline.org and to provide tailored advice for seafood suppliers, processors and retailers. Bryce has subsequently continued this work as a private consultant to various prestigious clients such as Marks and Spencer, Young's Bluecrest and celebrity chefs. To date he has peer-reviewed Marine Stewardship Council assessments of both the New Zealand southern scallop fishery and the Faroe Islands queen scallop fishery.

John Henry Nichols, C.Biol., MSB

Mr John Nichols is a former UK government fisheries biologist with 42 years research experience in plankton ecosystems in the North Atlantic specializing in the taxonomy of North Atlantic & NW European plankton including phytoplankton, micro and meso-plankton, ichthyoplankton and young fish. He has been a member of ICES working groups on herring, mackerel, horse mackerel, sardine and anchovy assessments; and mackerel and horse mackerel egg surveys. He was also a member of ICES study groups on herring larval surveys and plankton sampling. He was scientist in charge of numerous research vessel surveys for fish stock assessment purposes and directly involved in the assessment of pelagic and western demersal fish stocks from 1994 to 2000. Since retirement from his government post Mr. Nichols has participated in numerous MSC assessments as the Principle 1 expert. The assessments include the Thames estuary herring, PFA North Sea Herring, Hastings Fleet Dover sole, the north –east coast of England bass fishery, the SW mackerel handline fishery re assessment, the Norwegian pelagic fisheries and a North Sea plaice fishery, and recently the Faroe Island Saithe fishery. He has also been a peer reviewer for numerous MSC assessment reports, including two on Scottish pelagic fisheries.
