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Notification of Confirmed Peer Reviewers Pacific Hake Mid-Water Trawl Fishery

MRAG Americas received no comments on the proposed peer reviewers for the Pacific Hake Mid-Water Trawl fishery, so confirms the peer reviewers as Mr. Tom Jagielo and Dr. Gil Sylvia. Peer reviewers must be considered, at a minimum, the peers of the experts comprising the assessment team, and have expertise in one or more of the following: the fishery under assessment, stock assessment issues, relevant ecosystem interactions, and fishery management.

A brief biography of each reviewer is provided below in alphabetical order. Both conducted a peer review of the original Pacific hake assessment report.

Mr. Tom Jagielo Tom Jagielo has a wide breadth of experience in marine fish science, habitat studies, and oceanography. Tom formed his own firm in 2008 to provide consulting services in quantitative fisheries science. Previously, he served for 24 years with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and 6 years with the Fisheries Research Institute at the University of Washington in Seattle. As a Senior Research Scientist for Washington, Tom specialized in groundfish stock assessment and survey design, adapting state of the art tools and methods to assess marine fish populations for sustainable fisheries management. He produced numerous stock assessments used by the Pacific Fishery Management Council, including analysis of lingcod, black rockfish, and yelloweye rockfish populations. His early assessment of west coast lingcod identified the stock as overfished, and his rebuilding analysis ultimately resulted in a rebuilt population within the mandated 10 year time frame. His recent consulting projects have included 1) the design and implementation of a novel coastwide aerial survey used for management of west coast Pacific sardine, 2) a methodological review of Annual Catch Limits for the NOAA Fisheries Pacific Islands Regional Office, and 3) various habitat and marine fish science projects for the Environmental Defense Fund, the Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries, the At Sea Processors Association, and other organizations. Tom has extensive experience working with government agencies, commercial and recreational fisheries groups, Indian tribes, community organizations, and both national and international advisory groups. He received appointments to the Scientific and Statistical Committee of the Pacific Fishery Management Council, the Technical Subcommittee of the US-Canada Groundfish Committee, the Pacific Coast Ocean Observation System, and various other workshop panels and review bodies. Tom has published in peer-reviewed journals and symposium proceedings, presented papers at national and international meetings, and written reports for government agencies. Tom received a B.S. degree in Biology from the Pennsylvania State University, and a M.S. degree in Fisheries from the University of Washington. He also conducted post M.S. graduate studies in fisheries population dynamics and parameter estimation at the University of Washington.

Dr. Gill Sylvia Gil Sylvia is a Marine Resource Economist, Director of the Coastal Oregon Marine Experiment Station (COMES) and Professor in the Department of Agriculture and Resource Economics, Oregon State University. Dr. Sylvia has a Master's Degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology from Colorado State University (1983) and a Ph.D. in Marine Resource Economics from the University of Rhode Island (1989). His research focuses on fishery and aquaculture management and policy, seafood marketing, and bioeconomic modeling. Gil has published in numerous economic and fishery management journals and consulted in a variety of national and international fishery and

aquaculture projects. He served on a committee of the National Research Council for improving collaborative fishery research, and presently serves on a committee developing Sea Grant's national fishery and seafood strategic implementation plan. As Director of COMES, the largest applied marine research group in Oregon, he works in close collaboration with the fishing/seafood industry, coastal communities, and management agencies to increase benefits from utilizing and sustaining West Coast marine resources. COMES partnerships and signature programs include the Pacific Whiting Project, Molluscan Broodstock Program, Pacific Fish Trax, Surimi Technology School, Astoria Seafood Laboratory, Salmon Ecology Initiative, and Project CROOS (Collaborative Research on Oregon Ocean Salmon).

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