



MSC Fisheries Certification Assessment

Seafood Producers Association of Nova Scotia (SPANS) Eastern Canada Offshore Scallop (*Placopecten magellanicus*) Fishery

Certification Body: Intertek Fisheries Certification

Notification of Proposed Peer Reviewers

A Peer Review panel has been proposed for this fishery. Potential peer reviewers have been approached on the basis of their experience of one or more of the following; the fishery under assessment, fishery management, stock assessment issues and relevant ecosystem interactions.

A short CV for each reviewer is provided on the following page, and complete CVs are available on the MSC website. All stakeholders (including the applicant fishery) are now given the opportunity to state any objections to the selection of a proposed member of the peer review panel, on the basis of any conflicts of interest, accompanied by a statement on the basis of any objection.

Comments on the suitability of any of the persons listed below should be forwarded, **before 17:00 GMT on the 7th November 2014**, to Dr. Rob Blyth-Skyrme, at the e-mail address below.

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 fool-proof 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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Proposed Peer Reviewers:

1. Dr. Howard Powles

Dr. Powles has worked in fishery science, stock assessment, and conservation and management of fishery resources since the mid-1960's, as a working scientist, science manager, program manager, and consultant, with emphasis on invertebrate fishery resources and on ecosystem impacts of fishing. As a policy advisor and manager at Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) (1993-2000), he participated in peer reviews of the Arctic surf clam fishery and other molluscan and crustacean fisheries, and led a review of the Department's stock assessment program.

As Director of Fisheries Science and of Biodiversity Science (1998-2004) at DFO Headquarters he was active in developing ecosystem-based approaches to ocean management, in particular approaches based on defining ecosystem objectives and indicators, and was the Department's lead on developing and implementing new Canadian endangered species legislation. Dr. Powles has been a member of MSC assessment teams for 7 fisheries

2. Dr. Jim Andrews

Dr. 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. Dr. Andrews has formal legal training & qualifications, with a special interest in the policy, governance and management of fisheries impacts on marine ecosystems.

Dr. Andrews has worked as an assessor and lead assessor on more than 20 MSC certifications within the UK, in Europe and in India since 2007. In 2008 he worked with the MSC and WWF on one of the pilot assessments using the new MSC Risk Based Assessment Framework. He has carried out numerous MSC Chain of Custody assessments within the UK.

3. Dr. Terry Holt

Dr. Holt has a broad experience of marine ecology spanning more than 35 years, with particular expertise in benthic ecology including biogenic reef features, and especially with reference to a variety of human impacts. He has ten years of experience in commercial aquaculture, primarily seaweeds but also mussels and scallops, and has been involved in numerous surveys and assessments involving commercial fisheries, including whelks, scallops, crabs and lobsters.

Dr Holt has been involved in assessments of fisheries to the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) standards for sustainable and well managed fisheries from 2001 until the present. He has been involved in pre-assessments, annual re-assessments and full assessments of mollusc and finfish fisheries in UK, the sub-Antarctic, Vietnam, Denmark, the Faeroe Islands and the Isle of Man, and peer review of mollusc fishery audits in Canada and the Netherlands. He contributed to development of generic scoring guidelines for the MSC and took part in a workshop aimed at refining assessment methods. He carried out preliminary assessment of a number of U.S. aquarium fish wholesalers and retailers against sustainability standards on behalf of MAC (Marine Aquarium Council) in order to investigate appropriateness of draft standards, and has also carried out assessments of fishing vessels/crew under the Sea Fish Industry Authority's Responsible Fishing Scheme.