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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the Fishery Shipowners Association (FSA) Russia Sea of Okhotsk Pollock Fishery

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for the [Fishery Shipowners Association \(FSA\) Russia Sea of Okhotsk pollock fishery](#) which is in its first assessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body Lloyds Register. Three peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Don Bowen
- Joe Powers
- John Neilson
- Mohamed Samy Kamal

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 [this page of the MSC's website](#).

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

Don Bowen

Dr William Don Bowen is a Ph.D. graduate of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. He retired from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in May 2016 after 37 years with the Department. Prior to his retirement, he was a research scientist at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and an Adjunct Professor of Biology at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia for 31 years. He is currently an Emeritus Research Scientist at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography and continues his adjunct position at Dalhousie University. He has conducted research mainly on the ecology and population dynamics of North Atlantic seals. His professional interests also include mammalian life histories, population assessment, ecological interactions with fisheries, conservation, and ecosystem change. From 1985 to 1989, he managed fish and marine mammal stock assessments and ecological research on the Scotian Shelf for the DFO. He has published 240 scientific papers, including 170 journal articles and book chapters, and has edited two books. He has served on the USA recovery team of the Hawaiian monk seal, and as chair of the UK Special Committee on Seals. He has broad national (Natural Science and Engineering Research Council, DFO) and international (US National Academy, US National Science Foundation, US Center for Independent Experts, US National Marine Fisheries Service, UK Natural Environment Research Council, North Pacific Research Board) experience as a science advisor and served as member of the Board and Editor of Marine Mammal Science for five years. For nine years he chaired the National Marine Mammal Peer Review Committee of DFO, the body responsible for providing science advice to the Minister of Fisheries. He has considerable experience as an MSC assessor (Alaska pollock, Pacific cod, Flatfishes) in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska and has been an MSC peer reviewer of Cornish Hake, US West Coast groundfish trawl fisheries, Icelandic Blue Whiting, Orange Roughy, and West Greenland Halibut.

Joe Powers

Dr Powers has been involved in fisheries issues for more than 40 years, conducting stock assessments, coordinating international stock assessment research, communicating scientific advice to fishery management councils and commissions and also serving as the senior marine fisheries manager in the southeast US. His background includes: Professor of Marine Resource Assessment at Louisiana State University; Senior Stock Assessment Scientist of the US's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) southeast region, Laboratory Director of a NMFS facility; lead US scientist for Atlantic tuna, swordfish and billfish species for the International Commission for the conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT); Chair of the Scientific Committee of ICCAT; Chair of the Stock Assessment Committee for Southern Bluefin Tuna; Chair of the Scientific Committee of the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council. He has also worked on numerous Marine Stewardship Council assessments of tunas, swordfish, hake and other fisheries resources in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans.

John Neilson

Dr John D. Neilson is an internationally-recognized fisheries scientist, who has published more than 200 scientific and technical papers. His studies have taken place on all three of Canada's coasts, as well as throughout the Atlantic Ocean, and the Caribbean and Mediterranean Seas. His work is highly cited (fifteen papers cited > 100 times), with one included in the top 100 cited papers in fisheries science. He has worked on a range of marine fish species from bluefin tuna and swordfish to pollock. His work has also included chinook salmon.

His specialties include population ecology, age and growth, and stock assessment. He is considered by his peers to have good skills in consensus building, and he has taken on demanding and high profile roles chairing Canada's National Marine Mammal Peer Review Committee (2000-2003), and coordinating all swordfish stock assessments conducted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (2003 - 2013). He also has experience as a scientific editor. He also has considerable experience with fisheries development work, having conducted a two year long mission in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, where he mentored national biologists, and helped to establish a regional program of data collection and stock assessment in the Eastern Caribbean. Thus, he has a broad range of experience with stock assessments ranging from data-rich to data-poor situations.

Although now retired from the Canadian federal government after a 30 year long career, he remains involved with scientific work, including consultancies with clients including the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, the European Community, and the US Center for Independent Experts. Most recently, he concluded a four-year term as Co-Chair of Marine Fishes for the Committee for the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (2016 to 2019).

Mohamed Samy Kamal

Dr Mohamed Samy Kamal has a PhD from the University of Alicante focused on the evaluation of management measures and regulations in the trawl fishery in the western Mediterranean Sea. This provided experience evaluating different management strategies and regulations; specifically for small-scale multi-species and multi-gear fisheries. He analysed the effects of implementing a seasonal closure and the short-term effect of selectivity change (as two management measures) in the trawling fishery of the fleet under study. Also based on daily variation of ex-vessel fish prices, an alternative management measure to the seasonal closure was recommended to stop fishing one additional day per week (other than weekend), to avoid negative economic consequences and reduce effort.

Dr Kamal has also published on the current status of the MPAs and fisheries in Egypt, in both the Mediterranean and Red Sea. He has a broad perspective of the current issues in small-scale fisheries, their management and governance within different geographical contexts

He has recently worked as an MSC fishery auditor (P3 expert) in various Full and Pre-assessments in Russia including Barents Sea, Lake Peipus, Sea of Japan, Bering Sea and Okhotsk Sea.