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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the U.S. Atlantic Monkfish and Winter Skate: Scope Extension to the U.S. Atlantic Spiny Dogfish Fishery

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for [U.S. Atlantic Monkfish and Winter Skate](#) which is currently being assessed as a scope extension in the [U.S. Atlantic Spiny Dogfish fishery](#) by the Conformity Assessment Body MRAG Americas, Inc. One peer reviewer will be selected from the following list:

- Colin Bannister
- Matthew Cieri

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.

Stakeholders are also advised that the assessment reports for this fishery will be split across the two different Principle 1 species. Reports will still be made available within the Scope Extension section of the same [Track a Fishery page](#).

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.**

Colin Bannister

Dr Colin Bannister is a former fishery biologist, assessment scientist, and stock management advisor. Graduating in Zoology in 1964 he was appointed to the government Fisheries Laboratory, Lowestoft, UK, retiring in 2004 from what is now Cefas with 40 years experience of the dynamics and management of a wide range of finfish and shellfish stocks and fisheries. From 1964-1974 he studied the biology and assessment of flatfish stocks at Iceland and in the North Sea, obtaining a PhD in 1971. In 1975-76 he was seconded to Brussels to give specialist fisheries advice during the development of the EU Common Fisheries Policy. From 1981-2000 he was responsible for research, assessment, and advice on the management of coastal crustacean and molluscan fisheries in England and Wales, including the evaluation of pioneering lobster enhancement experiments around the UK. In 1999 he received the Walne Medal of the UK Shellfish Association for his contribution to shellfisheries management. In the 1990s, Colin was active in the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea as chair of the Shellfish Committee, Living Resources Committee, and the Consultative Committee, and in restructuring the ICES scientific and advisory processes. From 2001-2004, Colin managed the finfish team at Cefas Lowestoft, responsible for monitoring, assessment and advice for the fish resources of the NE Atlantic, assisting the Deputy Director with advice to senior officials and industry on EU stock recovery programmes. Colin remains professionally active in retirement, with MSC assessments and peer reviews, lecturing, higher degree examinations, plus the provision of reports and advice to the Shellfish Association of Great Britain, which he chairs. He received the Le Cren Medal of the Fisheries Society of the British Isles in 2014, and an Honorary D.Sc. from the University of Hull in 2015. He is the Buckland Foundation Professor for 2015, and an Emeritus Fellow at Cefas Lowestoft.

Matthew Cieri

Dr Matthew Cieri is a graduate of the University of Maine where he received a PhD in Biological Oceanography studying the migrations of larval and juvenile American eel. After completing a post doctoral fellowship at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole Massachusetts USA, Dr Cieri started his fisheries career in 2001 working at the Maine Department of Marine Resources (MEDMR) where he is still employed full-time. His current focus is working on small pelagic fish stock assessment, trophic interactions, monitoring, and management analysis, though he has since branched out into Groundfish as well as other species.

As a consultant since 2011, Dr Cieri has done work for a variety of clients including analyses for the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership, peer reviews of US stock assessments and methods for the Center for Independent Experts, reports for consumers for Seafood Watch, and Marine Stewardship Council work with ME Certification. Through his work at MEDMR and as a consultant, he continues to explore the interesting and connected fields of fishery stock assessment, trophic relations between small pelagic and groundfish stocks, and fisheries sustainability.