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## **ISF Iceland Cod – Re-assessment**

MSC Fisheries Certification Requirements

Conformity Assessment Body: Vottunarfélagið Tún ehf.

### **Notification of Proposed Peer Reviewers**

The independent conformity assessment body, Vottunarfélagið Tún ehf., is currently carrying out the re-assessment of **the ISF Iceland Cod** fishery against the MSC Fisheries Certification Requirements.

Information on the re-assessment are available on MSC's website: [https://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/north-east-atlantic/isf\\_iceland\\_cod/re-assessment-downloads-1](https://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/north-east-atlantic/isf_iceland_cod/re-assessment-downloads-1).

Tún is proposing two persons as a peer reviewers of the forthcoming Peer Review Draft Report on this re-assessment, based on their technical expertise in areas relevant to the assessed fishery. Their names and summaries of relevant experience are provided below. Detailed CVs for both will be submitted to MSC.

Stakeholders, including the applicant fisheries, wishing to make comments on the suitability of the peer reviewer nominees, are advised to consult and use for this purpose MSC guidelines, available on <http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders>, and a template for response available at [http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders/template\\_for\\_stakeholder\\_input](http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders/template_for_stakeholder_input). Any claims regarding the suitability or otherwise of the proposed peer reviewers for this assessment should be accompanied by objective evidence in support of such claims.

Comments must be submitted by **17.00 GMT on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 2016** to:

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### **Proposed Peer Reviewers:**

#### **Robert O'Boyle M.Sc.**

Robert O'Boyle received his B.Sc. and M.Sc. from McGill and Guelph Universities in 1972 and 1975 respectively. He was with Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography (BIO) in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia during 1977 - 2007. During this time, he conducted assessments of the region's fish resources (e.g. herring, capelin, cod, haddock, pollock, flatfishes, sharks). He headed the Marine Fish Division, with responsibility for the research programs and assessment-related activities of over 80 scientific and support staff. He subsequently

coordinated the regional science advisory process for fisheries resources and ocean uses and as Associate Director of Science, managed science programs at the regional and national level. He has been involved in a number of national and international reviews, ranging from resource assessment and management to science programs. He is currently president of Beta Scientific Consulting Inc. (betasci.ca) which provides technical review, analyses and assessment of ocean resources and their management. Projects have included analyses and assessments of forage species (e.g. Atlantic Herring, Gulf and Atlantic Menhaden), deepwater species (e.g. Scotian Shelf Cusk) and endangered species (e.g. Atlantic Leatherback Turtles). He has been and is currently the principle one or two expert for a number of MSC certifications (e.g. BC Dogfish, Nova Scotia, US and Australian Swordfish, Barents Sea Cod, Haddock, and Saithe, North Sea and Baltic Sea Haddock and Danish Plaice, Deepwater Black Scabbardfish, Blue Ling, and Roundnose Grenadier, Russian Pollack and US West Coast groundfish) and is a member of the MSC's Peer Review College. He has been the chair and / or reviewer of numerous stock assessments and has prepared special reports on ocean management issues for government, industry and NGO groups. He was a member of the Scientific and Statistical Committee of the New England Fisheries Management Council during 2008-2016. He pursues research related to resource and ocean management and assessment and has published over 100 primary papers, special publications and technical reports. Recent projects include the impact of climate change on New England groundfish assessments, the trophic dynamics of the Eastern Scotian Shelf ecosystem, the impact of fish migrations on assessed fishery selectivity patterns, risk analysis in data poor assessments and the interaction of cod and grey seals in the Northwest Atlantic.

**Jose Peiro Crespo, M.Sc.**

Jose Peiro Crespo is a fishery biologist with postgraduate studies in Development Cooperation and Sustainable Management. He has overall responsibility for the planning, design, execution and monitoring of all the projects at Naunet Fisheries Consultants, a marine consultancy firm based in the UK. His principal area of expertise is in relation to both artisanal and commercial fisheries and rural aquaculture. He is currently working for some NGO's conducting fisheries assessments and developing initiatives to improve living conditions in fishing communities in the South of Europe and the North of Africa. Jose has more than 8 years of experience working in a wide range of projects associated with marine biodiversity and the sustainable use of living aquatic resources. Before becoming independent, he worked as a fisheries scientist in a British marine consultancy specialized in assessing the impact of offshore wind farms on fishing resources. Before that he also worked as a marine biologist and fisheries researcher in two marine scientific centres in Portugal. His work focused mainly on collecting fishing data and developing environmental education programs in the area. As well as having worked as a researcher, Jose completed many trips on commercial fishing vessels in the capacity of scientific observer in the NAFO area, West coast of Africa and the Iberian coast. He worked aboard a broad range of fishing vessels including trawlers, long-liners and other small-scale vessels. Jose has also experience on finfish and shellfish aquaculture that he gained working in the Amazonian basin and as a quality supervisor in fish farms in Spain. Jose has worked in fisheries and aquaculture projects in Morocco, Mauritania, Senegal, Ghana, Cape Verde, Sao Tome e Principe, Peru and several European countries. Jose has recently participated in MSC fishery assessments both as an assessor and as a peer reviewer.