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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the German Lower Saxony mussel dredge and mussel culture fishery

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for the [German Lower Saxony mussel dredge and mussel culture](#) which is in re-assessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body ME Certification Limited. Two peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Andrew Hough
- Deirdre Hoare
- Julian Addison
- Martin Louis Van Brakel
- Rob Whiteley
- Terry Holt

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.

The Pilot Phase for the College has now been completed, and the College has been approved by the Oversight Committee and MSC Board to proceed into full implementation from 1st September 2017. For further details on the pilot 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.**

Andrew Hough

Dr Andrew Hough: Marine Environmental Consultant. Andrew has a PhD in marine ecology from the University of Wales, Bangor (1987-90). He has been involved in marine, coastal and freshwater environmental management since 1991, including management of fishery impacts on ecosystems and marine conservation biology, principally in European inshore waters. He was manager of Moody Marine operations within Moody International Certification from 1999 to 2011 with particular responsibility for the implementation of MSC Certification procedures and development of MSC methodologies. He has acted as lead assessor on a large proportion of MSC pre assessments and main assessments during this time, and subsequently as team member and/or lead auditor for various assessments. This has involved stock assessment analysis, evaluation of ecosystem effects and management effectiveness of groundfish, pelagic and shellfish fisheries in various administrations around the world. He now works as a freelance environmental/fishery management consultant and auditor, consultancy projects include certification-related policy advice to the Association of Sustainable Fisheries.

Deirdre Hoare

Deirdre Hoare is an independent fisheries consultant with more than 10 years of experience working in a wide range of projects associated with marine biodiversity and the sustainable use of living aquatic resources. Her principal area of expertise is in relation to stock assessment and ecosystem impacts of both artisanal and commercial fisheries. Her work currently involves evaluation and verification of fisheries management and sustainability against international standards. She also performs fish stock assessments, evaluates data and outlines the limitations. From 2005 to 2010 she worked as a Fisheries Assessment Analyst and as a Scientific and Technical Officer for the Marine Institute in Ireland. This work involved fisheries research and stock assessment for ICES working groups. The work also involved coordination and management of a Fisher Self sampling program in the Irish Sea, with particular emphasis on spatial and temporal discard measurement tools. As well as having worked as a researcher, she completed many trips on commercial fishing vessels in the capacity of scientific observer in the NAFO area, North West Atlantic and Irish Coast. She has also experience on finfish and shellfish aquaculture that she gained working in Scotland. She has also worked under contracts for SAI Global on assessments against the FAO Responsible Fisheries Management and Marine Stewardship Council in Iceland, Alaska and Ireland.

Julian Addison

Julian Addison is an independent fisheries consultant with 30 years' experience of stock assessment and provision of management advice on shellfish fisheries, and a background of scientific research on shellfish biology and population dynamics and inshore fisheries. Until December 2010 he worked at the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) in Lowestoft, England where he was Senior Shellfish Advisor to Government policy makers, which involved working closely with marine managers, legislators and stakeholders, Government Statutory Nature Conservation Organisations and environmental NGOs. He has also worked as a visiting scientist at DFO in Halifax, Nova Scotia and at NMFS in Woods Hole, Massachusetts where he experienced shellfish management approaches in North America. For four years he was a member of the Scientific Committee and the UK delegation to the International Whaling Commission providing scientific advice to the UK Commissioner. He has worked extensively with ICES and most recently was Chair of the Working Group on the Biology and Life History of Crabs, a member of the Working Group on Crangon Fisheries and Life History and a member of the Steering Group on Ecosystems Function. He has extensive experience of the MSC certification process primarily as a P1 team member but also as a P2 team member and team leader, undertaking MSC full assessments for the Newfoundland and Labrador snow crab fishery, the Ireland and Northern Ireland bottom grown mussel fisheries, both the Estonia and Faroe Islands Barents Sea cold water prawn fisheries, the Nephrops fishery in the Skagerrak and Kattegat, separate assessments

for the Swedish, Danish and Norwegian Skagerrak and Norwegian Deep cold water prawn fishery, the Eastern Canada offshore lobster fishery and the Limfjord mussel and cockle fisheries. He has also undertaken MSC pre-assessments, numerous annual surveillance audits and has carried out peer reviews of MSC assessments in both Europe and North America of lobster, cold water prawn, razorfish, cockle and scallop fisheries. Other recent work includes a review of the stock assessment model for blue crabs in Chesapeake Bay, USA, and an assessment of three Alaskan crab fisheries under the FAO-based Responsible Fisheries Management scheme.

Martin Louis Van Brakel

Martin currently works at the WorldFish Bangladesh & South Asia office as a fisheries scientist. He has more than 20 years of experience in fisheries research and development. At present he is engaged in the assessment of aquatic resource based livelihoods, practices and ecotourism development, including recreational fisheries in the Nepalese Karnali River, home to the iconic Golden Mahseer (*Tor putitora*). Recently he led efforts to improve livelihoods of communities reliant on the hilsa shad (*Tenualosa ilisha*) as scientist on the Enhanced Coastal Fisheries in Bangladesh (ECOFISH) project. From 2007 till 2009 he worked as co-leader of the aquatic ecosystems and fisheries theme, Challenge Programme on Water and Food (CPWF), and project scientist on community-based fish culture in irrigation systems and seasonal floodplains. He led a regional case study on Mekong inland fisheries and aquaculture for the UK Government Office for Science, Foresight project: The Future of Food & Farming. From 2004 till early 2007 he was Course Director, Aquatic Resource Development by Distance Learning, jointly operated in Bangladesh by the University of Stirling, UK, and Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU). From 1997 till 2001 he worked for the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, providing technical assistance to small-scale coastal artisanal and commercial fisheries in Cape Verde, subsequently assessing small scale capture fisheries and aquaculture potential in Latin America. He holds an MSc in Agriculture and natural environment, with fisheries and aquatic ecology as main subjects, and PhD in aquaculture. His most recent assignment with the MSC was the peer review of the pikeperch fishery in Mälaren and Vänern, Sweden

Rob Whiteley

Rob is an independent marine fisheries consultant and founder and director of Working Sea Ltd. He is also employed by a UK government public body as a Fisheries Specialist and leads on their shellfishery and aquaculture work. He has over six years' involvement in assessing and advising on the impacts of all types of fisheries on habitats and species in MPAs, and has extensive consultation and engagement experience with a wide range of associated stakeholders. Rob is a key Advisory Group member of Project Inshore (a review of all English inshore fisheries against the MSC sustainability principles) and has experience as a representative on a MSC assessment and certification. He is also a Shellfish Association of Great Britain committee member and part of the Aquaculture Common Issues group. In a previous role Rob was a Scientific Fisheries Observer in the Falkland Islands, and assessed a wide range of fishing vessels of various nationalities in the South Atlantic including squid jiggers, and benthic and pelagic trawlers, and also undertook a deep-sea research cruise. Rob also has experience working in Australia where he designed and undertook various marine surveys, and produced a report for the NSW government on bycatch in their marine fisheries.

Terry Holt

Terry Holt is an independent marine environmental, with longstanding experience of managing marine consultancy projects, assessments and surveys. He holds a BSc. degree in Marine biology and a Ph.D. in Seaweed Cultivation. He is a former director of CMACS Ltd and Niras Consulting Ltd, and has over 35 years' experience in seabed ecology, including shellfish ecology, marine aquaculture (both research and commercial), fish and invertebrate surveys including scallops and other commercial shellfish, seabed surveys including trawl, dredge, grab, pots, camera and acoustic, and a variety of environmental impact assessments. He has provided expert advice on molluscan fisheries at planning enquiries, and has published on trawl damage to seabed communities and on sensitivities of biogenic reef habitats. Dr Holt has been involved in MSC pre-assessments, main assessments, annual audits and peer reviews for queen scallops, mussels, cockles, clams and oysters in Europe, Canada and South east Asia since 2001, and has also contributed to pre- and full assessments of longline and trawl fisheries. He contributed at early MSC workshops on the development of generic scoring guidelines and refining of assessment method. In 2000 he carried out a preliminary assessment of a number of U.S. aquarium fish wholesalers and retailers against draft sustainability standards on behalf of MAC (Marine Aquarium Council). He has also carried out assessments of fishing vessels/crew under the UK Sea Fish Industry Authority's Responsible Fishing Scheme, and passed the training course for the MSC's recently released standards for seaweed certification.