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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the Maruto Suisan Rope Grown Pacific Oyster, Okayama Fishery

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for [Maruto Suisan rope grown Pacific oyster, Okayama fishery](#) which is in its initial assessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body Control Union Pesca Ltd. Two peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Andrew Hough
- Jo Akroyd
- Nick Caputi
- Steve Nelson

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 GMT, 10 days from the publication date of this announcement on the MSC's website.**

Andrew Hough

Dr Andrew Hough is a marine environmental consultant, with 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, with consultancy projects including certification-related policy advice to the Association of Sustainable Fisheries.

Jo Akroyd

Jo Akroyd is a fisheries management and marine ecosystem consultant with extensive international and Pacific experience. She has worked at senior levels in both the public and private sector as a fisheries manager and marine policy expert. Jo was with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in New Zealand for 20 years. Starting as a fisheries scientist, she was promoted to senior chief fisheries scientist, then Fisheries Management Officer, and the Assistant Director, Marine Research. She was awarded a Commemoration Medal in 1990 in recognition of her pioneering work in establishing New Zealand's fisheries quota management system. Among her current contracted activities, she is involved internationally in fishery certification of offshore, inshore and shellfish fisheries as Fisheries Management Specialist and Lead Assessor for the Intertek Fisheries Certification audit team. She has carried out the Marine Stewardship Councils' (MSC) certification assessment for sustainable fisheries. Examples include NZ (hoki, southern blue whiting, albacore, hake, scallops), Fiji (longline albacore) Japan (pole and line tuna, flatfish, snowcrab, scallops), China (scallops), Antarctica (Ross Sea toothfish fishery).

Nick Caputi

Dr Nick Caputi obtained his PhD from Murdoch University in 1989 with a thesis based on stock-recruitment relationships for crustacean fisheries in Western Australia. From 1974 to 1998 he worked as a statistician for the Department of Fisheries (Western Australia) working on fisheries projects from all major commercial and recreational fisheries. Since 1998 he has been the Supervising Scientist of the Invertebrate Branch of the Department, which is responsible for research on rock lobster, pearl oyster, prawns, scallop, blue swimmer crab, deep sea crab and abalone. Seven of these fisheries have achieved the Marine Stewardship Council certification with the western rock lobster fishery being the first. Dr Caputi's research focus is stock assessment but he has also been involved with MSC P2 and P3 issues with over 40-years' experience and publication of over 60 peer-reviewed papers (18 as lead author), 25 reports and 18 book chapters. His research includes catch predictions based on pre-recruit abundance, environmental effects on recruitment, spawning stock-recruitment relationships, climate change effects on fisheries, harvest strategies and maximum economic yield. The management of the western rock lobster fishery is based on a bio-economic model and a length-structured stock assessment model. He has participated in 6 Center of Independent Experts' reviews of fisheries in the USA, on invertebrate fisheries and climate change. He has also participated in stock assessments in Mozambique on the shrimp fishery (1998-2004), rock lobster (2007) and artisanal shrimp (2003).

Steve Nelson

Steve Nelson has about 25 years of experience in coastal and fishery management. During this time, he has worked in management, scientific, and communication roles for US and international programs sponsored by federal, state, and local governments, academic institutions, NGOs, and private companies. He has technical expertise in fishery management, stock assessment, coastal ecology, biodiversity conservation, GIS and spatial analysis, climate change adaptation and resource economics. He is competent using state-of-the art methods, models and tools relevant to these disciplines and stays current with ongoing learning. He has experience working in the seafood industry with expertise in sustainability certification and product traceability. He was the fishery team leader for the MSC full assessment of the Bratsk Reservoir perch fishery. He also served as client advisor for MSC certifications of the Russian Alaska pollock fisheries in the Bering Sea and Sea of Okhotsk and a reviewer of the Lake Peipus perch and pike perch fishery in Estonia. Moreover, he assessed and peer reviewed numerous fisheries certified under the FAO Responsible Fishing Management label for stocks in Alaska, Iceland, and Gulf of Mexico. He earned a BA in economics from the University of Virginia and an MS in environmental biology (estuarine ecology) from George Mason University plus additional training in stock assessment.