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Notification of Proposed Peer Reviewer DFPO Skagerrak plaice fishery (scope extension assessment to the certified DFPO North Sea and Skagerrak hake fishery)

MRAG Americas announces proposed peer reviewer for the MSC assessment of the DFPO and Skagerrak plaice fishery (scope extension assessment to the certified DFPO North Sea and Skagerrak hake fishery). Potential peer reviewers must be considered, at a minimum, the peers of the experts comprising the assessment team, and have expertise in one or more of the following: the fishery under assessment, stock assessment issues, relevant ecosystem interactions, and fishery management. This scope extension assessment considers the Principle 1 component only, as Principles 2 and 3 have already been assessed as part of the original hake assessment.

A brief biography of the reviewer is provided. All stakeholders have an opportunity to comment on the proposed peer reviewers; any stakeholder with comments may submit a statement by 5pm GMT on July 24th, 2015.

HANS LASSEN holds a cand. scient. (M.Sc.) from Copenhagen University (1969) and a HD (B.Sc.) from the Copenhagen Business School (1978). His background is in fish stock assessments, particularly in the application of computers and models. He joined the Danish Institute of Fisheries and Marine Research (DIFRES) in 1971. 1988-1992 he worked in the Greenland Fisheries Research Institute as Deputy Director and Director and returned to DIFRES in 1992. Between 1998 and 2003 he was in charge of the Fisheries Group in the ICES Secretariat as Fisheries Adviser who serves as secretary to the ICES Advisory Committee on Fishery Management. After 2004 he was head of the ICES Advisory Programme within the ICES Secretariat. He retired from the ICES secretariat in 2010 and has since worked as a private consultant on various projects within his expertise in advisory issues. He has been a member and Chairman of numerous ICES committees and groups, has within the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization chaired STACFIS and the Scientific Council, been a member of STECF (EC, DG Fish), scientific adviser to Danish delegations to fisheries negotiations and chaired an internal EC expert group to provide input to the EC Multi-annual Guidance Program, within the Nordic Council of Ministers he chaired its Working Group on Fisheries and worked with the FAO/DANIDA project (1982-1998) on teaching fish stock assessment. In 2006 he was awarded the prestigious Swedish prize "Kungsfenan" for contributions to communication between science and the fishing industry. At his retirement from ICES he was awarded a Special Service Award. He has been a member of MSC certification assessment teams for westgreenland shrimp and lumpfish, and for Barents Sea Demersal trawl fisheries (Greenland). He has acted as reviewer for several MSC assessment reports including cod, haddock, anchovy, sardine and vendace.

Comments on the suitability of the proposed peer reviewer should be sent in writing by July 24th, 2015.

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