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## **Notification of Confirmed Peer Reviewers Irikla Reservoir perch fishery**

MRAG Americas received no comments on the proposed peer reviewers for the Irikla Reservoir perch fishery, so confirms the peer reviewers as Dr. Andrew Hough and Redik Eschbaum. 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.

A brief biography of each reviewer is provided below.

**Dr Andrew Hough:** Marine Environmental Consultant. Andrew has 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.

**Redik Eschbaum.** Redik Eschbaum has more than 20 years' experience working with marine fisheries. His wide range of experience includes working as a researcher for the University of Tartu, Faculty of Science and Technology, Estonian Marine Institute; where he coordinated the coastal fish monitoring program and served as the Head of the Working Group of Coastal Fisheries. Redik is currently a member of the ICES/OSPAR working group on Seabirds, Baltic Marine Biologist working group on Shallow Water Fish ecology, the Scientific Workgroup of Estonian-Russian Fisheries Agreement, and the European Ichthyological Society. Mr. Eschbaum has published in several peer-reviewed journals and conference proceedings. He received a B.S. degree in Biology/Zoology and a M. S. in Ichthyology and Fisheries from the University of Tartu.

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