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O.C. Joensen – Faroe Islands Queen Scallop Fishery
Marine Stewardship Council Fishery Standards
Conformity Assessment Body: Vottunarstofan Tún ehf.

Notification of Proposed Peer Reviewers

The independent conformity assessment body, Vottunarstofan Tún ehf., is currently carrying out assessment of **the Faroe Islands Queen Scallop Fishery** against the MSC Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing.

Tún is nominating four persons as potential peer reviewers of the forthcoming Peer Review Draft Report on this assessment, based on their technical expertise in areas relevant to the assessed fishery. A minimum of two experts will eventually be selected as peer reviewers. Below is a short description of the expertise of the four nominees.

Stakeholders are invited to submit comments on the suitability of any of the four nominees. Comments should be submitted using the MSC template for stakeholder input available from the MSC's website:

http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders/template_for_stakeholder_input

Comments must be submitted by **17.00 GMT 2nd of October 2012** to:

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Proposed Peer Reviewers:

James W. Andrews Ph.D.

James W. Andrews is educated in environmental law, marine biology and marine ecology. Jim is a marine biologist with over 20 years' experience working in marine fisheries and environmental management. He currently works as an independent fisheries and marine environmental consultant. His previous experience includes running the North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee as its Chief Executive from 2001 to 2005, and previously working as the SFC's Marine Environment Liaison Officer. During this time he was responsible for the regulation, management and assessment of inshore finfish and shellfish stocks along a 1,500 km coastline. He has an

extensive practical knowledge of both fisheries and environmental management and enforcement under UK and EC legislation. James has formal legal training & qualifications, with a special interest in the policy, governance and management of fisheries impacts on marine ecosystems. He has worked as an assessor and lead assessor on more than 20 MSC assessments within the UK, in Europe, and in Asia since 2007. In 2008 he worked with the MSC and WWF on one of the pilot assessments using the new MSC Risk Based Assessment Framework, which he has used on several subsequent assessments including the Isle of Man Queen Scallop Fishery. James has carried out numerous MSC Chain of Custody assessments within the UK.

Bryce Beukers-Stewart Ph.D.

Bryce Beukers-Stewart is a fisheries biologist and marine ecologist whose work has ranged from temperate estuaries to tropical coral reefs and the deep-sea. The central thread in his research has been to gain an increased understanding of the factors regulating marine populations and communities so as to ensure their sustainable exploitation, primarily by fisheries. He has been a lecturer in the Environment department at the University of York since 2007. For the past 12 years much of Bryce's research has focussed on the biology and management of scallop fisheries. He has published widely on this subject in the international peer-reviewed literature. In 2009 he was commissioned to lead an influential report aimed at improving the management of the UK's scallop fisheries. This included an analysis of successfully managed scallop fisheries around the world, with the lessons learned applied to the situation in the UK. From 1999 to 2007 Bryce co-ordinated research into the biology and impacts of the Irish Sea fisheries for the great scallop, *Pecten maximus* and queen scallop, *Aequipecten opercularis*. This work involved an intensive stock assessment programme to provide management advice to the Isle of Man government and other projects aimed at quantifying and reducing the environmental impact of scallop dredging. In particular, his research which showed that protected areas and stock enhancement could provide benefits to both fisheries and conservation has been highly influential in developing new marine management legislation in the Isle of Man and the United Kingdom. He is currently supervising research into the effects of a protected area on scallop populations off the west coast of Scotland, and another project examining the factors effecting shell strength in scallops. He also gained experience of undertaking sustainability assessments on a wide range of fish and shellfish species while co-ordinating the UK Marine Conservation Society's programme to promote ecologically sustainable fisheries and mariculture from 2005 to 2007. A large part of this work was to maintain the seafood consumer awareness website www.fishonline.org and to provide tailored advice for seafood suppliers, processors and retailers. Bryce has subsequently continued this work as a private consultant to various prestigious clients such as Marks and Spencer, Young's Bluecrest and celebrity chefs. Bryce strives to disseminate the results of his work to as broad an audience as possible. He has published widely in the peer-reviewed scientific literature and technical reports, and has also written various popular articles and done considerable media work. He regularly gives presentations at national and international conferences and workshops.

Andrew R. Brand Ph.D.

Following the completion of his doctoral degree at the University of Hull, Andrew R. Brand served for 40 years at the University of Liverpool's School of Biological Sciences, Port Erin Marine Laboratory in the Isle of Man. He retired in 2006 as Director of the Laboratory and is now Honorary Senior Fellow at the University of Liverpool and an independent fisheries consultant with shell fisheries as his principal specialisation. His expertise ranges from the biology and ecology of shellfish, especially scallops and mussels, to benthic ecology and ecosystem effects of fishing, including environmental impacts of scallop dredging. He has considerable experience of providing scientific advice on fisheries and fisheries management, including on scallop fishing, to private and public bodies in numerous countries. Recently Andrew has acquired experience as member of assessment teams and as peer reviewer of MSC assessments of scallop, mussel and oyster fisheries in the North Atlantic regions.

Andrew has served as member of ICES working groups on scallops, herring and on ecological impacts of fisheries. He has written extensively on the biology and ecology of scallops and has published over 160 scientific articles on subjects of his expertise.

Árni Nicolajsen Cand.Mag.

Árni Nicolajsen graduated in 1984 from Roskilde University in biology and computer science. His research specialities included population dynamics and fishing of queen scallop in Faroese waters and simulation of dynamic systems. Prior to turning to his current profession of teaching, Árni accumulated twenty years of experience as fisheries biologist, and his work included assessment of *Chlamys islandica* in Greenland waters and the Barent Sea, and shellfish and other fishstock assessments and scientific advice for the Faroe Islands Fisheries Laboratory. He has written numerous reports and research papers on stock assessments of scallops and shrimps in several North Atlantic fishing regions for NAFO, ICES and for Greenlandic and Faroese public bodies.
