

17<sup>th</sup> February 2016

## Chile squat lobsters and nylon shrimp modified trawl fishery

### Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: Acoura Marine Ltd

### Notification of Proposed Peer Reviewers

Acoura Marine would like to nominate the following individuals as potential peer reviewers for this fishery. They will review the Peer Review Draft Report as required under the MSC Principles & Criteria for Sustainable Fishing. Below are their names and a short description of their relevant experience.

All stakeholders are now invited to provide comments on the suitability or otherwise of any of the nominees. **Any such comments must reach us by 17:00 GMT on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016.**

**Please note:** Any claim/s regarding the suitability or otherwise of the proposed peer reviewers for this fishery assessment should be accompanied by objective evidence in support of the aforementioned claim/s.

The MSC provides a set of guidelines and templates to assist in the transfer of information between stakeholders and Certification Bodies. These should be used for any comments you wish to make on this or any other stage of the assessment process and can be found here:

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

Comments should be sent in the first instance to:

**Acoura Fisheries Department**

[fisheries@acoura.com](mailto:fisheries@acoura.com)

The proposed peer reviewers are:

**Dr Rob Blyth-Skyrme**

Rob has broad fisheries and environmental science, management and policy knowledge, having gained over nearly 20 years of postgraduate work in the marine field. Rob previously led the marine fisheries and aquaculture work of Natural England, the UK Government's statutory advisor on nature conservation in England. Rob has also worked as Deputy Chief Fishery Officer for the Eastern Sea Fisheries Joint Committee, co-managing the activities of a staff of 16 Fishery Enforcement, Research and Environment Officers. He has been involved in assessing numerous MSC fisheries, including assessments of shrimp and lobster fisheries.

**Dr John Tremblay**

Dr. Tremblay has over 35 years of experience in marine fisheries ecology and biology. He has a Ph.D. in Marine Biology from Dalhousie University (1991), and M.Sc. (1982) and B.Sc. Degrees (1979) from the University of Guelph. From 1983 to 2015 he was with the Science Branch of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). His areas of expertise include the population ecology of invertebrates, stock assessment of decapod crustacea, and communication of fisheries science with stakeholders and peers. He has participated extensively in peer review processes as a team leader and as a reviewer. As head of the Maritimes Region Lobster Unit at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography (BIO) for 10 years, he was responsible for regular assessments of the most valuable commercial species in Canada.

John has 32 publications in peer-reviewed journals covering topics such as the early life history of scallops and lobsters, trends in populations of invertebrates and fish in relation to the environment, catchability in traps, and lobster growth and movement. The topics of over 50 technical publications which he co-authored include assessments of lobsters, crabs and scallops, and methods for estimating abundance of decapod crustacea. He retired from DFO in 2015 and is currently a Scientist Emeritus at BIO.