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**Proposed Peer Reviewer Announcement for the
Schleswig-Holstein blue shell mussel fishery**

ME Certification Ltd (MEC) are undertaking the full MSC certification assessment process for the **Schleswig-Holstein blue shell mussel fishery** and are proposing the following peer reviewers:

Dr Robert Blythe-Skyrme

Rob started his professional career in finfish mariculture in 1996, before switching to a focus on the science, management and policy of wild fisheries. Following his PhD, which considered biological and socio-economic aspects of an inshore shellfish fishery, he worked as the Senior Environment Officer and then Deputy Chief Fishery Officer at the Eastern Sea Fisheries Joint Committee, the largest regional fisheries management organization in England. Rob then became Natural England's senior advisor to the UK Government on marine fisheries and environmental issues, leading a team dealing with fisheries policy, science and nationally significant fisheries casework. Since the end of 2008, Rob has run Ichthys Marine Ecological Consulting Ltd., a consultancy providing marine fisheries and environmental advice to a variety of governmental and industry clients.

Rob has undertaken all facets of MSC work as a Lead Assessor, expert team member and peer reviewer, across varied fisheries including those for Alaska pollock, Pacific cod, Atlantic cod, Pacific salmon, albacore tuna, yellowtail flounder, Arctic surfclam, American lobster, pink shrimp, Japanese scallop, sea scallop and blue mussels.

Dr. Rüdiger Voss

Rudi has his main scientific interest in analysing the population dynamics of harvested species in their ecosystem context. Rudi realized early, that trying to understand the interplay of species ecology, human use, food web interactions, as well as feedbacks requires an interdisciplinary approach. Accordingly, he started a fruitful inter-disciplinary collaboration already in his PhD thesis at GEOMAR, Kiel, Germany. Since 2002, he worked as a post-doc researcher and later project coordinator at GEOMAR. Rudi increasingly incorporated management questions, e.g. multi-species assessment, trade-offs, and fisheries advice, in his work. Ultimately, he had to realize that in a market economy economic incentives determine how resources are used. Furthermore, unlike ecology, economics provides sound methods to operationalize normative societal objectives such as welfare and sustainability. Therefore, Rudi was grateful for the opportunity to join a newly established inter-disciplinary working group on resource economics at Kiel University in 2008. While being able to keep up biological research regarding key population parameters within the cluster, he could more and more include the human aspect, as driven by economic considerations and needs. Rudi contributed

significantly to several national and international research project, with a main focus on the Baltic Sea. He also coordinated the field activities in the GLOBEC Germany project.

Full CVs are available on request to MEC at the address below.

All interested stakeholders are encouraged to contact Gavin Fitzgerald at gavin.fitzgerald@me-cert.com or Kat Collinson at kat.collinson@me-cert.com by email, telephone or post at the below number and address.

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The deadline for consultation is **17:00 GMT** 10 days after the date of publication of this announcement on the MSC website.