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**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LAKES AND COORONG PIPI FISHERY**  
*Nominations for Peer Reviewers of MSC Assessment Report*

In partial fulfillment of the MSC requirements for fishery evaluations, SCS Global Services, Inc. (SCS) is posting the names of two potential peer reviewer for the MSC assessment report pertaining to the assessment of the South Australian Lakes and Coorong pipi fishery.

- 1. Dr. Caleb Gardner**
- 2. Dr. Joseph DeAlteris**

**Comments on potential peer reviewers will be taken through 1700 GMT 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016.**

The peer review process will then commence and will be followed by posting of a draft report for public review and comment for 30 days. Following the period for public review and comment, a final report will be posted on the MSC website [www.msc.org](http://www.msc.org) for all interested parties to review.

All comments should be directed to:  
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Full CVs are available on the fishery re-assessment downloads page. Short biographical paragraphs of the peer reviewers may be found below:

## **Dr. Caleb Gardner**

Dr. Gardner has qualifications in both economics and biology which interact in research on commercial fisheries. He currently has two positions. The first is leading Australian national research activities on wild harvest fisheries at the Australian Seafood Cooperative Research Centre. Projects in this organisation are mainly related to improving economic yield and reducing ecosystem impacts through better management. Projects involve partnerships between research organisations around Australia and industry organisations including western rock lobster, southern rock lobster, abalone, finfish and shrimp fisheries.

His second role is as the leader of the Resource Sustainability and Harvest Strategy Section at the Tasmanian Aquaculture and Fisheries Institute in South East Australia. Research in this section is mainly on higher value fisheries for black lip abalone, southern rock lobster, giant crab, and scallops. Smaller projects are underway on a range of scalefish species, clams, squid, urchins and periwinkles. More significant outcomes from his research include: (i) bioeconomic analysis of giant crab management that led to increase in both economic yield (by 30%) and egg production; (ii) mitigation of the impacts of trawling on deep water crab habitat along the shelf break zone; (iii) working with the commercial industry to change ITQ management of the Tasmanian southern rock lobster fishery to target more stable and higher economic yield (by 42%); and (iv) development of management options for controlling spread of an invasive, habitat-altering urchin species.

## **Dr Joseph DeAlteris**

Dr. DeAlteris has an international reputation as an expert in the field of stock assessment and ecosystem impacts of fishing. He brings intimate knowledge of vertebrate and invertebrate fisheries and has considerable experience in MSC fishery evaluations. Dr. DeAlteris has worked with SCS on the full assessment of the Atlantic deep-sea red crab, the Louisiana blue crab, and the US Pacific halibut. He also has conducted an MSC assessment of Indian Ocean tuna fisheries. He has conducted numerous MSC annual audits and peer reviews of assessment reports for finfish and shellfish and crustacean fisheries in the US and elsewhere. Dr. DeAlteris has extensive knowledge of the management of US fisheries across several jurisdictions and extensive population modeling and ecosystem knowledge.