

Faroe Islands and Iceland North East Arctic cod, haddock and fishery

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: DNV GL Business Assurance Norway AS

Notification of Proposed Peer Reviewers

DNV GL Business Assurance (DNV GL) announces the proposed Peer Reviewers for the re-assessment of the **Faroe Islands and Iceland North East Arctic cod, haddock and saithe fishery**.

Potential peer reviewers have been approached on the basis of their experience of one or more of the following:

- the fishery under assessment
- fishery management
- stock assessment issues
- relevant ecosystem interactions

Brief details of each reviewer are provided below. All stakeholders (including the applicant fishery) are now given the opportunity to state any comments/objections to the selection of a proposed peer reviewer specifying the basis of any conflicts of interest and accompanied by a statement of objection.

We would, however, ask for any comments/objections by **5 PM GMT on 10th of March 2017** prior to continuing the re- assessment process.

Please use **"MSC template for stakeholder input v1"** for submission of your comments.

The template can be downloaded from the link:

<https://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/forms-and-templates/template-for-stakeholder-input-into-fishery-assessments-v1.0/view>

Information on this fishery can be found at:

<https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/faroe-islands-and-iceland-north-east-arctic-cod-haddock-and-saithe/@@view>

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Proposed Peer Reviewers

Dr. John Nichols is a fisheries biologist with 42 years research experience in plankton ecosystems in the North Atlantic specializing in the taxonomy of North Atlantic & NW European plankton including phytoplankton, micro and meso-plankton, ichthyoplankton and young fish. He has been a member of ICES working groups on herring, mackerel, horse mackerel, sardine and anchovy assessments; and mackerel and horse mackerel egg surveys. He was also a member of ICES study groups on herring larval surveys and plankton sampling. He was scientist in charge of numerous research vessel surveys for fish stock assessment purposes and directly involved in the assessment of pelagic and western demersal fish stocks from 1994 to 2000.

He has been involved in the publication of over fifty scientific papers and reports more than half of which have been in peer reviewed journals, and the publication of two fish egg and larvae identification keys. Since retirement from his government post he has participated in over 30 different fisheries MSC assessments as the Principle 1 expert plus the re-assessments of many of those fisheries Those assessments include the Thames estuary herring, PFA North Sea Herring, NEA mackerel and Atlanto-Scandian herring, Hastings Fleet Dover sole, the north –east coast of England bass fishery, the SW mackerel hand line fishery, Portuguese sardine, a Newfoundland herring fishery, Canadian Pacific sablefish, various Norwegian and Swedish pelagic fisheries, Faroese and Norwegian saithe fisheries, Faroese and Russian Arctic cod and haddock fisheries and a North Sea plaice and sole fishery. He has also been a peer reviewer for numerous MSC certification reports by various Certification bodies and has also carried out two MSC pre-assessments and numerous annual audits. In 2010 he delivered a lecture on 'The Importance of a Fisheries Interaction with the Ecosystem in the MSC Certification Process' at an international Safe Seas conference in Portugal. He passed MSC Fisheries team member training course for CR v. 1.3. He has no conflicts of interest in relation to the UoAs.

Dr. Bert Keus is an independent consultant based in Leiden, the Netherlands. He holds degrees in biology and law, and started his career at the Netherlands Institute for Fisheries Investigation (RIVO-DLO). Later he held the position of Head of the Environmental Division of the Dutch Fisheries Board (Productschap Vis). Particular areas of expertise are environmental impact assessments of fisheries in the Natura 2000 framework, fisheries management plans, natural resource policy, and programme and project evaluations.

He has long association with the several fisheries in the Netherlands, and he has been involved in efforts to achieve MSC certification of the North Sea brown shrimp fishery – acting as technical advisor to this multi-stakeholder initiative. Through this work and several other MSC certifications he has become particularly familiar with the MSC certification process. Between the years 1998 and 2003 he was a Member of the European Sustainable Use Specialist Group (ESUSG), Fisheries Working Group of IUCN. He passed MSC Fisheries team member training course for CR v. 1.3. He has no conflicts of interest in relation to the UoAs.