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Japanese pole and line skipjack and albacore tuna

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: Acoura Marine Ltd

Updated 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 6th May 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

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The proposed peer reviewers are:

Tim Huntington

Tim Huntington is a fisheries biologist with over 30 years' industry and consulting experience. His qualifications include a BSc (Hons) in Biological Sciences and MSc in Applied Fish Biology. He has worked in capture fisheries and aquaculture in over 60 countries worldwide, with a particular focus on Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia (including the Indian and Pacific Ocean countries).

Following a number of industry and consulting posts, Tim has specialised in promoting sustainability in fisheries and aquaculture. This initially included working on a number of fisheries development projects for the Global Environment Facility, FAO and other agencies before focusing on the roles that eco-labelling can play in driving improved fishing practises and management. He has worked extensively with the MSC responsible fisheries programme, including leading pre-assessments, full assessments as well as chain of custody audits for a number of certification bodies including Acura, Intertek, MacAlister Elliott and SCS. He has participated as lead auditor or a team member on a number of UK, NE and NW Atlantic, Indian Ocean and Pacific Ocean fisheries and specialises in contributing to the Principle 2 elements. He also works with fisheries on fisheries improvement planning, using the MSC standard as a benchmark for baseline and incremental assessments.

In addition to his work for the Certification Bodies, Tim has also worked direct for MSC, where his contributions have included a number of studies on chain of custody methodologies, looking at including aquaculture in the MSC fisheries standard and the 2011 review of environmental benefits of MSC certification. Tim is also the co-author of a number of reports published by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) on the costs and benefits of fisheries certification for small-scale fisheries.

Kevin McLoughlin

Kevin McLoughlin is a specialist fisheries consultant based in Australia with more than 30 years' experience across a wide range of international and domestic fisheries science issues, with close links to government policy. He represented the Australian Government on many committees and groups such as fishery assessment groups, providing advice on a diverse range of fisheries and species (including tuna, shark, various finfish, scallop and prawn). Work in assessment groups involved assessment of target species, development of bycatch action plans and ecological risk assessments. Mr McLoughlin was responsible for the production of annual status reports for Australian government-managed fisheries for a number of years. Mr. McLoughlin was Australia's delegate on scientific issues at the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission and was Chair of the IOTC Working Party on Bycatch for several years. Mr McLoughlin was also a delegate at meetings of the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna led Australia's delegation to 2006 scientific meetings of the Commission.

Mr McLoughlin has worked predominantly on Principle 1 aspects of MSC assessments but has also undertaken Principle 2 and 3 work, as well as peer review and surveillance audits for several fisheries. Kevin was a team member for the full assessment of the Fiji albacore longline fishery, Australia's blue grenadier fishery, as well as the Western Australia Exmouth Gulf and Shark Bay prawn trawl fisheries. He was a peer reviewer for the New Zealand albacore troll fishery and for the North and South Pacific American Albacore Fishing Association fisheries and has undertaken surveillance audits for a number of fisheries. Kevin is currently a member of teams assessing the Northeastern Tropical Pacific Purse Seine Yellowfin and Skipjack Tuna Fishery, and the Tri Marine Western and Central Pacific Skipjack and Yellowfin Tuna Fishery.