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## Astrid Fiske North Sea Herring fishery

### Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: Food Certification International Ltd

## Notification of Proposed Peer Reviewers

FCI 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 28 October, 2012.**

**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:

**Joanna Kabut** - Fisheries Administrator

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The proposed peer reviewers (of which 2 will be chosen) are:

### Mr John Nichols

Mr Nichols is a retired UK government fisheries biologist with 42 years' experience of plankton ecosystem research specialising in the taxonomy of North Atlantic & NW European plankton including phytoplankton, micro and meso-plankton, ichthyoplankton and young fish. He has been involved with plankton surveys for stock assessment from 1977 and has had direct involvement with the assessment of pelagic and western demersal fish stocks from 1994 to 2000. These stocks include North Sea herring and Thames Estuary herring. He has been a member of ICES working groups on herring, sprat, 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. In 1992 he set up the original CEFAS programme for monitoring phytoplankton in shellfish harvesting areas and was responsible for its compliance with the EU Directive. Since retiring from CEFAS he has been involved as an expert in the assessment of five separate fisheries for Marine Stewardship accreditation and subsequent surveillance visits.

### Dr Andrew Hough

Andrew has PhD in marine ecology from the University of Wales, Bangor (1987-90). He has been involved in marine and coastal environmental management since 1991, including management of fishery impacts on ecosystems and marine conservation biology, principally in European inshore waters. He was manager of Moody Marine operations within Moody International Certification from 1999 to 2011 with particular responsibility for the implementation of MSC Certification procedures and development of MSC methodologies. Dr. Hough has acted as lead assessor on the majority of Moody Marine MSC pre assessments and main assessments during this time. This has involved stock assessment analysis, evaluation of ecosystem effects and management effectiveness of groundfish, pelagic and shellfish fisheries in various administrations around the world. He now works as a freelance environmental/fishery management consultant and auditor.

### Dr Stephen Lockwood

**1999 to present:** Independent marine fishery and environment consultant: a list of projects and organisations with which I have worked is attached. Most recently, this work has included participation in various stages of numerous fishery and stock evaluations for Marine Stewardship Council certification ([www.msc.org](http://www.msc.org)), both as an assessment team member and as an assessment peer reviewer. Currently I chair the UK fining industry marine protected area coalition (MPAC) and am a member of the Welsh Assembly Government 'Future Fishery Strategy' group. I have been: vice chairman of North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee (2001–10); chairman of both the Welsh Assembly Government Agri-Food Partnership Fish & Aquaculture Group (2007–09); chairman of the Welsh Minister's fishing industry consultation group (2004–6); and a non-executive director of the Sea Fish Industry Authority (Seafish; 2001–7).

**1986 - 1999:** Head of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF – now DEFRA) Fisheries (CEFAS) Laboratory Conwy. Personally, I was responsible for providing scientific advice across the broad field of fish and fishery interactions in coastal zone management; e.g. port developments, offshore renewable energy, dredging and marine nature conservation.

**1973 - 1986:** Fisheries Laboratory, Lowestoft: leading research and fish stock assessment programmes. The work focussed primarily on the UK mackerel stock but also covered other pelagic and demersal fish stocks in the south-west approaches to the British Isles with concomitant membership of numerous ICES working groups.