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## **Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the Gulf of St Lawrence snow crab trap fishery**

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for [Gulf of St Lawrence snow crab trap](#) which is in expedited audit process with the Conformity Assessment Body SAI Global. One peer reviewer will be selected from the following list:

- William Don Bowen
- Sandra Diamond-Tissue

A summary of their experience and qualifications is included on the following pages. Further details of their experience are available on request by email to the [Peer Review College](#).

Interested stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments on potential conflicts of interest of the shortlisted reviewers with the fishery to the Peer Review College by email, telephone or post at the number and address below.

The Pilot Phase for the College has now been completed, and the College has been approved by the Oversight Committee and MSC Board to proceed into full implementation from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. For further details on the pilot and background to the Peer Review College, please visit the MSC's [Program Improvements website](#).

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The deadline for responses to the consultation is **17:00 GMT, 10 days from the publication date of this announcement on the MSC's website.**

### William Don Bowen

William Don Bowen is a Ph.D. graduate of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. He has been a research scientist at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and an Adjunct Professor of Biology at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia for more than 25 years. He has conducted research on the ecology, energetics and population dynamics of North Atlantic seals. His interests also include mammalian life histories, population assessment, ecological interactions with fisheries, conservation, and ecosystem change. He also managed fish and marine mammal stock assessments and ecological research on the Scotian Shelf for the DFO. He currently is responsible for seal and halibut stock assessments. He has published 220 scientific papers, including 160 journal articles and book chapters and edited two books. He has served on the USA recovery team of the Hawaiian monk seal, and as chair of the UK Special Committee on Seals. He has broad national (Natural Science and Engineering Research Council, DFO) and international (US National Academy, US National Science Foundation, US Center for Independent Experts, US National Marine Fisheries Service, UK Natural Environment Research Council, North Pacific Research Board) experience as a science advisor and served as member of the Board and Editor of Marine Mammal Science for five years. For nine years he chaired the National Marine Mammal Peer Review Committee of DFO, the body responsible for providing science advice to the Minister of Fisheries. He has considerable experience as an MSC assessor (Alaska pollock, Pacific cod, Flatfishes) in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska and has been an MSC peer reviewer of Cornish Hake and US West Coast groundfishes.

### Sandra Diamond-Tissue

Sandra has a PhD in Fisheries Ecology from North Carolina State University in 1999, after working for the California Department of Fish and Game as a Marine Biologist for 7 years. In 1998, began working as an academic staff member at Texas Tech University, reaching the level of Associate Professor in 2005. Sandra has been at UWS since 2007, first as a Research Associate, then as a Lecturer and a Senior Lecturer. Sandra has worked with many fisheries, including cod fisheries in Canada, shark/swordfish and groundfish fisheries in California, shrimp trawl fisheries in North Carolina and Ecuador, reef fish and shark longline fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico, blue swimming crab fisheries in Indonesia, and tuna fisheries in Australia. Her specialities are population dynamics/stock assessment, bycatch and discards, working with fishermen, and sustainable practices.