

**Norway Skagerrak, Kattegat and the Norwegian Deep cold water prawn fishery****Marine Stewardship Council Certification****Certification Body: DNV GL Business Assurance****Notification of Proposed Peer Reviewers**

DNV GL announces the proposed Peer Reviewers for this 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 objections to the selection of a proposed peer reviewer specifying the basis of any conflicts of interest and accompanied by a statement of objection.

Comments on the suitability of any of the persons listed below should be forwarded, **before 5 PM GMT on 10 July 2015** to Sigrun Bekkevold at DNV GL as follows:

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Please use the «MSC template for stakeholder input v1» for submission of comments. The template can be downloaded from the MSC website:

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

**Proposed Peer Reviewers:**

**Hans J. Lassen:** Hans Lassen is an independent consultant working with fisheries management, fisheries statistics and fish stock assessments. He started his career as researcher on computer simulations on chemical reactions, but has spent the last forty years focusing on the fishery sector. As a researcher and later principle senior scientist at Danish Institute for Fisheries Research / DTU he focused on fish stock assessment, computer simulations of ecosystems and fisheries statistics. Lassen has been head of ICES Advisory Programme (1998-2010) and Deputy and acting Director of Greenland Institute for Fisheries Research (now Greenland Nature Institute) (1988-1992). An important aspect of his work has been international cooperation. He has been member of numerous ICES assessment groups and chaired some of them, member of ACFM, responsible for interactions with industry and NGOs, and also been teaching fish stock assessment techniques internationally.

Lassen has been part of the assessment team for two full assessments of fisheries against the MSC Principle and Criteria for sustainable fisheries; the completed assessment of the West Greenland coldwater prawn fishery and the ongoing assessment of the Greenland trawl fishery for cod, haddock and saithe in the Barents Sea.

**Andrew Hough:** Marine Environmental Consultant. Andrew has PhD in marine ecology from the University of Wales, Bangor (1987-90). He has been involved in marine, coastal and freshwater environmental management since 1991, including management of fishery impacts on ecosystems and marine conservation biology, principally in European inshore waters. He was manager of the MSC CAB Moody Marine from 1999 to 2011 with particular responsibility for the implementation of MSC Certification procedures and development of MSC methodologies. He has acted as lead assessor on a large proportion of MSC pre assessments and main assessments during this time, and subsequently as team member and/or lead auditor for various assessments. 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, consultancy projects include certification-related policy advice to the Association of Sustainable Fisheries.

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