



MSC Fisheries Certification Assessment

OCI Grand Bank Yellowtail Flounder (*Limanda ferruginea*) Trawl Fishery

Certification Body: Intertek Fisheries Certification

Nominations for Assessment Team Membership

Intertek Fisheries Certification is currently undertaking the full assessment of the above fishery against the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing. To assist in this assessment, we are looking to appoint a team of expert advisors with collective knowledge of the stock evaluation, ecosystem impacts and management framework applicable to this fishery.

The persons proposed as potential team members of this fishery assessment are set out below, together with brief résumés of their background. Full curricula vitae of the team members are also posted on the MSC website. Potential team members have been selected on the basis of their experience of fishery management, stock assessment and/or ecosystem interactions. It is proposed that the final team will comprise all three individuals named. The Lead Assessor for Intertek Fisheries Certification is Dr. Rob Blyth-Skyrme.

Stakeholders are invited to provide any comments on the suitability or otherwise of any of the nominees. Comments should be sent to rob@ichthysmarine.com or to the address above by **17:00 GMT, 3rd October 2014**.

If you wish to provide comment at any stage of the assessment process the MSC have provided a template for stakeholders to complete and submit their comments. This can be downloaded from the following link:
<http://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/forms-and-templates/msc-template-for-stakeholder-input-into-fishery-assessments/view>

Intertek Fisheries Certification will notify identified stakeholders of key steps in the assessment process directly through email. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this notification please forward to them and notify us so we may add them to our list of stakeholders. It should be noted that because email is not a foolproof way of transmitting notifications, we ask that stakeholders also subscribe to the free notification service provided by the MSC at: <http://www.msc.org/newsroom/updates>

Should you wish to obtain further information on the MSC, this is available on their web site at <http://www.msc.org>.

As a conformity assessment body, Intertek Fisheries Certification has dispute resolution procedures available should these prove necessary. These are available by contacting the Lead Assessor below.

Dr. Rob Blyth-Skyrme

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Assessment Team Nominees:Principle 1: Mr. Bruce Atkinson

Bruce is a retired fisheries biologist with more than 30 years experience primarily related to the biology, life history and assessment of groundfish, but also with experience related to pelagic fishes and shellfish. His extended career with Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) also included management positions within Science culminating in the position of Regional Director of Science and Oceans sectors in Newfoundland and Labrador. He participated in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) for many years and was the Head of the Canadian Delegation to the Scientific Council from 2000-2004. Since retirement in 2005, he has maintained a keen interest in fisheries. He served on an Expert Panel that reviewed the performance of NEAFC (North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission) in relation to its mandated responsibilities, participated in regional groundfish assessments carried out by DFO in Newfoundland as rapporteur, served as a reviewer of fisheries related proposals for European Union Framework Programme (FP7) funding, chaired an Expert Panel that prepared a report on the Impacts of EU Framework Programmes (2000-2010) and Prospects for Research and Innovation in Fisheries and Aquaculture, served on an Expert Panel charged with developing an Outreach Strategy to better familiarize the public with Framework Programme benefits (2011-2012) served as a member of the Assessment Team for assessment of the Ocean Choice International Yellowtail Flounder Trawl Fishery against the MSC Principles and Criteria serving as lead for assessment of Principle 1 as well as being a member of the team conducting the first three annual audits of this fishery, served as Chair of an Expert Panel that conducted a review of the methods of catch estimation of NAFO stocks by the NAFO Scientific Council as well as carrying out other fisheries related work under contract including the conduct of 15 MSC CoC audits. He is currently a member of the COSEWIC (Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada) Marine Fishes Specialist Subcommittee.

Principle 2 and Lead Assessor: Dr. Rob Blyth-Skyrme

Rob has worked in aquaculture and then in marine fisheries science, management and policy since 1996. Following his PhD which focussed on fisheries management and the environmental effects of fishing, he moved to Eastern Sea Fisheries Joint Committee, the largest inshore fisheries management organization in England, where he became the Deputy Chief Fishery Officer. He then became a senior advisor to the UK Government on marine fisheries and environmental issues, leading a team dealing with fisheries policy, science and nationally significant fisheries and environmental casework. Rob now runs Ichthys Marine Ecological Consulting Ltd., a marine fisheries and environmental consultancy. Rob has undertaken all facets of MSC work as a Lead Assessor, expert team member and peer reviewer across a wide variety of fisheries. He was the Principle 2 assessor for the initial assessment of the OCI Grand Bank Yellowtail Flounder Trawl Fishery in 2010, as well as for subsequent annual surveillance audits.

Principle 3: Mr. John Angel

John worked with the federal Department of Justice before moving to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans as head of legal and regulatory affairs in 1983. His last position in government (1994) was as Regional Director of Fisheries Management for the Scotia-Fundy Region. After ten years as Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Prawn Producers, a trade association representing offshore northern shrimp interests in Eastern Canada, John retired from full time employment. He has extensive experience in the development of integrated resource management plans and fishing strategies as well as a background in Canadian fisheries law. He continues to provide consulting services to the fishing industry through his firm, Angel Consulting Services, located in St. Margaret's Bay, Nova Scotia, Canada. John has been a Principle 3 assessor for several MSC assessments of Atlantic species. He has also provided consulting services to the MSC as a reviewer of proposed changes to the assessment standard.