

**The U.S. Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery
MSC Certification
Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd**

Nominations for Assessment Team membership

Moody Marine is currently undertaking the main assessment of the above fishery against the Marine Stewardship Council 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 in alphabetical order, together with a brief resume of their background. Potential team members have been selected on the basis of their experience of fishery management, stock assessment and/or ecosystem interactions. The final team will comprise two or three expert advisors from the following list. The coordinating Assessor from Moody Marine will be Don Aldous.

All stakeholders are now invited to provide any comments on the suitability or otherwise of any of the nominees. We would, however, ask for any comments by the **5th of June 2010** prior to continuing the assessment process. These should be sent to:

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Nominees for team membership (in alphabetical order):

Don Aldous: Project Coordinator

Don holds a Masters in Marine Management and is a fisheries consultant based in Nova Scotia providing fisheries management advice to clients in the fishing industry of Atlantic Canada and to fisheries organizations overseas since 1992. He worked for the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans for 13 years on control of foreign fishing, pelagic and groundfish fisheries management plans. He has extensive experience in the South Pacific Islands as an advisor to island governments and regional organizations concerning tuna fisheries management planning issues. He has participated in MSC assessments for Moody since 2009 as project coordinator and document editor.

Andrew Brand

Andy Brand holds a PhD and has worked for the University of Liverpool for 40 years on the academic staff of the Port Erin Marine Laboratory, Isle of Man, retiring in 2006 as Director of the Laboratory. During this time he developed large, well-funded, research programmes on the biology, ecology, aquaculture and fisheries of bivalve molluscs, especially scallops, and on the environmental impact of scallop dredging. He has had extensive fishery management and environmental assessment consultancy experience, including contracts with government departments and industry, and has been a member of ICES Working Groups on herring, scallops and ecosystem effects of fishing. In addition to work in the Irish Sea, he has advised on scallops and fisheries management in Alaska, Argentina, Australia, Bermuda, Chile, Ireland, France and the Philippines. He is now an Honorary Senior Fellow of the University of Liverpool and works as an independent consultant on shellfisheries. He has recent experience as an Assessor (2) and Independent Reviewer (3) for Marine Stewardship Council certifications for scallop, mussel and oyster fisheries in the Irish Sea, Faeroes, Denmark and Canada.

Sandra Collie

Sandra (Sandy) Shumway received her B.S. from Long Island University in 1974, studied as a Marshall Scholar at the University of Wales, where she received her Ph.D. in 1976 and was later awarded a D.Sc. in 1992. She has worked in the field of shellfish biology for 35 years, and published over 150 papers, including co-authorship of the NOAA Essential Fish Habitat Source Document: Sea Scallop, *Placopecten magellanicus*, Life History and Habitat Characteristics. She has edited several books, including *Scallops: Biology, Ecology and Aquaculture* (2nd Edition, 2006), and currently serves as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Shellfish Research* (25 years), *Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology* (11 years), *Harmful Algae* (8 years) and most recently, *Reviews in Fisheries Science*. She served twice as President of the National Shellfisheries Association and has been honored with their two highest awards, Honored Life Member and Wallace Award for contributions to the shellfish industry. While she continues her work on feeding physiology and the impacts of harmful algal blooms on bivalve molluscs and shellfish aquaculture, she regularly collaborates with and advises industry members globally, has been a member of the steering committee for the WWF Molluscan Dialogue, and writes for the popular literature. She is currently editing and co-authoring a book, *Shellfish Aquaculture and the Environment* to be published by Wiley-Blackwell in 2010.

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Jason Hall-Spencer

Jason Hall-Spencer holds a PhD in Marine Biology from the University of London (1994) and is a senior lecturer in Marine Biology at the University of Plymouth and an Honorary Research Fellow at the Marine Biological Association, Plymouth where he teaches graduate and postgraduate courses in fisheries, aquaculture, marine ecology and marine spatial management. Jason Hall-Spencer is a benthic ecologist with highly cited peer-reviewed papers on the effects of fishing equipment throughout Europe, including 10 papers on scallop fisheries in the Mediterranean and NE Atlantic. Jason is a member of the ICES working group on deep-water ecosystems, he also sits on the UK Government Scientific Advisory Panel on Marine Protected Areas and on the Norwegian Research Council marine science advisory panel. Jason was an International Observer on the Canadian Fishing Gear Impact investigation by the Ecology Action Centre (Halifax), Living Oceans Society (BC) and the US Marine Conservation Biology Institute and is now working for OSPAR and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) drafting guidelines for the management fisheries in the High Seas.

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