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Notification of Confirmed Peer Reviewers

Kamchatka River and Olytorsky Bay salmon fisheries

MRAG Americas received no comments on the proposed peer reviewers for the Kamchatka River and Olytorsky Bay salmon fisheries, so confirms the peer reviewers as Dr. Greg Ruggerone and Dr. Jocelyn Drugan. Peer reviewers must be considered, at a minimum, the peers of the experts comprising the assessment team, and have expertise in one or more of the following: the fishery under assessment, stock assessment issues, relevant ecosystem interactions, and fishery management.

A brief biography of each reviewer is provided below.

Dr. Greg Ruggerone has investigated population dynamics, ecology, and management of Pacific salmon in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest since 1979. He was the Project Leader of the Alaska Salmon Program, University of Washington, from the mid-1980s to early 1990s where he was responsible for conducting and guiding research at the Chignik and Bristol Bay field stations, preparing salmon forecasts, and evaluating salmon management issues. Most of his research involves factors that affect survival of salmon in freshwater and marine habitats, including climate shifts, habitat degradation, predator-prey interactions, and hatchery/wild salmon interactions. He is currently a member of the Columbia River Independent Scientific Advisory Board and the Independent Scientific Review Panel. He recently served as the fish ecologist on the Secretary of Interior review of dam removal on the Klamath River. During the past six years, he has evaluated salmon fisheries for sustainability using guidelines developed by the Marine Stewardship Council.

Dr. Jocelyn Drugan has over 14 years of fisheries science experience, having received her B. Sc. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Yale University and her M. Sc. and Ph.D. in Fisheries Science from the University of Washington. Her graduate work focused on populations genetics and eco-evolutionary dynamics of wild salmon populations. In 2013 she was a postdoctoral research associate at the NOAA Alaska Fisheries Science Center in Seattle, developing a model for simulating effects of fish movement on population genetic structure in five groundfish species. She is currently the Analytics Team Director at Ocean Outcomes, a global fishery improvement organization that works with high-risk fisheries that face big conservation challenges. She has helped conduct MSC pre-assessments of two Russian salmon fisheries and assessed U.S. West Coast and British Columbia salmon fisheries for the Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch Program. She has also evaluated the sustainability of eleven species in Japan, including mackerels, tuna, and Japanese flying squid. In addition to native proficiency in English, Jocelyn has language skills in Japanese and Mandarin Chinese.

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