



Russian Federation Barents Sea Cod and Haddock fishery

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: DNV Business Assurance

Notification of Proposed Peer Reviewers

DNV Business Assurance (DNV) 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 comments/objections to the selection of a proposed peer reviewer specifying the basis of any conflicts of interest and accompanied by a statement of objection.

We would, however, ask for any comments/objections by **4 PM GMT on 1st of September 2013** prior to continuing the assessment process.

Please use “**MSC template for stakeholder input v1**” for submission of your comments.

The template can be downloaded from the link:

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

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Dr. David Bennett: David Bennett has 40 years' experience in fisheries research, specialising in the biology, population dynamics, and assessment of commercially exploited fish and shellfish stocks the provision of national and international fisheries management advice, and fisheries aspects of environmental impact studies. He chaired the International Committee for Exploration of the Seas (ICES) Working Group on Nephrops stocks, has been a member of a number of ICES Working and Study Groups and of the ICES Advisory Committee on Fisheries Management, and an expert for DG XIV of the EU Commission. Recently he has been both an assessor and peer reviewer for the Marine Stewardship Council fisheries certification scheme.

Dr. Bert Keus: Bert Keus is an independent consultant based in Leiden, the Netherlands. He holds degrees in both biology and law, and started his career at the Netherlands Institute for Fisheries Investigation (RIVO-DLO). Later he held the position of Head of the Environmental Division of the Dutch Fisheries Board (Productschap Vis). Particular areas of expertise are environmental impact assessments of fisheries in the Natura 2000 framework, fisheries management plans, natural resource policy, and programme and project evaluations. He has long association with the several fisheries in the Netherlands, and he has been involved in efforts to achieve MSC certification of the North Sea brown shrimp fishery – acting as technical advisor to this multi-stakeholder initiative. Through this work and several other MSC certifications he has become particularly familiar with the MSC certification process. Between the years 1998 and 2003 he was a Member of the European Sustainable Use Specialist Group (ESUSG), Fisheries Working Group of IUCN.

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