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Notification of Change to Proposed Peer Reviewers Pacific Hake Mid-Water Trawl Fishery

MRAG Americas announces a change to the proposed peer reviewers for the Pacific Hake mid-water trawl fishery re-assessment. Potential 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.

Due to lack of availability of one originally confirmed reviewer, Dr. Gil Sylvia, MRAG Americas proposes Dr. Paul Medley as a peer reviewer for this fishery. A brief biography of Dr. Medley is provided below. All stakeholders have an opportunity to comment on the proposed change in peer reviewers and may submit any such comments by 5pm GMT on 15 August 2014.

Dr Paul Medley is an independent scientist with experience in mathematical modelling of fisheries and ecological systems and data management, including data acquisition to fit and test models, with the objective of providing scientific advice to fishery management. Bioeconomic modelling, with particular reference to interactions between different tuna fishing fleets, tropical fisheries, and developing new techniques for multispecies stock assessment based on maximum likelihood, Bayesian methods and decision theory. He has worked on a number of fisheries in detail including spiny lobster, conch, shrimp, squid and pelagics. He has been an invited expert for a number of stock assessment working group meetings and stock assessment reviews. He has a wide practical experience in marine biology, including design and implementation of surveys and fisheries experiments using SCUBA and small research vessels. This includes addressing wider environmental issues of ecological management, including maintenance of marine biodiversity. Dr. Medley was directly involved in Greater Caribbean fisheries and environmental management, and in the decision making process involving discussions with politicians, civil servants and the fishing community. Experience in small scale fisheries has led to the development of new software and other tools suitable for small scale co-managed fisheries. He has an in-depth understanding of the MSC methodology and has been involved in developing the MSC certification methodology and various MSC assessments, including a number of North Sea pelagics and groundfish, Barents Sea and West Coast USA groundfish, Antarctic toothfish, icefish and krill. He has also helped prepare some fisheries for MSC certification, namely Suriname seabob shrimp, Bahamas spiny lobster and Madagascar octopus. He regularly conducts technical stock assessment reviews for the Centre for Independent Experts for the United States mainly temperate fisheries and has conducted fisheries project reviews for the European Union projects.

Comments on the suitability of any proposed peer reviewers should be sent in writing by 15 August, 2014 to:

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