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Notification of Proposed Peer Reviewers

Irikla Reservoir Perch Fishery

MRAG Americas announces proposed peer reviewers for the MSC assessment of the Irikla Reservoir perch fishery. 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.

A brief biography of the reviewers is provided below. All stakeholders have an opportunity to comment on the proposed peer reviewers; any stakeholder with comments may submit a statement by 5pm GMT on August 21st, 2015.

Dr Andrew Hough: Marine Environmental Consultant. Andrew has PhD in marine ecology from the University of Wales, Bangor (1987-90). He has been involved in marine, coastal and freshwater environmental management since 1991, including management of fishery impacts on ecosystems and marine conservation biology, principally in European inshore waters. He was manager of Moody Marine operations within Moody International Certification from 1999 to 2011 with particular responsibility for the implementation of MSC Certification procedures and development of MSC methodologies. He has acted as lead assessor on a large proportion of MSC pre assessments and main assessments during this time, and subsequently as team member and/or lead auditor for various assessments. This has involved stock assessment analysis, evaluation of ecosystem effects and management effectiveness of groundfish, pelagic and shellfish fisheries in various administrations around the world. He now works as a freelance environmental/fishery management consultant and auditor, consultancy projects include certification-related policy advice to the Association of Sustainable Fisheries.

Redik Eschbaum. Redik Eschbaum has more than 20 years' experience working with marine fisheries. His wide range of experience includes working as a researcher for the University of Tartu, Faculty of Science and Technology, Estonian Marine Institute; where he coordinated the coastal fish monitoring program and served as the Head of the Working Group of Coastal Fisheries. Redik is currently a member of the ICES/OSPAR working group on Seabirds, Baltic Marine Biologist working group on Shallow Water Fish ecology, the Scientific Workgroup of Estonian-Russian Fisheries Agreement, and the European Ichthyological Society. Mr. Eschbaum has published in several peer-reviewed journals and conference proceedings. He received a B.S. degree in Biology/Zoology and a M. S. in Ichthyology and Fisheries from the University of Tartu.

Comments on the suitability of the proposed peer reviewers should be sent in writing by 5p.m. GMT on August 15th, 2015.

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