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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the Southern New England Winter and Little Skate Fishery

The MSC's Peer Review College has compiled a shortlist of potential peer reviewers to undertake the peer review for the [southern New England winter and little skate fishery](#) which is in its first assessment process with the Conformity Assessment Body MRAG Americas, Inc. Three peer reviewers will be selected from the following list:

- Matthew Cieri
- Pat Livingston
- Susan Hanna
- Terence James Holt

A summary of their experience and qualifications is included on the following pages. Further details of their experience are available on request by email to the [Peer Review College](#).

Interested stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments on potential conflicts of interest of the shortlisted reviewers with the fishery to the Peer Review College by email, telephone or post at the number and address below.

For further details and background to the Peer Review College, please visit [this page of the MSC's website](#).

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The deadline for responses to the consultation is **17:00 UTC, 10 days from the publication date of this announcement on the MSC's website**.

Matthew Cieri

Dr Matthew Cieri is a graduate of the University of Maine where he received a PhD in Biological Oceanography studying the migrations of larval and juvenile American eel. After completing a post doctoral fellowship at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole Massachusetts USA, Dr Cieri started his fisheries career in 2001 working at the Maine Department of Marine Resources (MEDMR) where he is still employed full-time. His current focus is working on small pelagic fish stock assessment, trophic interactions, monitoring, and management analysis, though he has since branched out into Groundfish as well as other species.

As a consultant since 2011, Dr Cieri has done work for a variety of clients including analyses for the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership, peer reviews of US stock assessments and methods for the Center for Independent Experts, reports for consumers for Seafood Watch, and Marine Stewardship Council work with ME Certification. Through his work at MEDMR and as a consultant, he continues to explore the interesting and connected fields of fishery stock assessment, trophic relations between small pelagic and groundfish stocks, and fisheries sustainability.

Pat Livingston

Pat Livingston has over 38 years experience working in developing and reviewing scientific advice for quantitative fishery management, primarily in federal fisheries off Alaska. She has worked on and published information to advance ecosystem approaches to fishery management both through the development and improvement of ecosystem models and information and in the development of a structured framework for bringing ecosystem information to the fishery management system. She also has experience on regional, national, and international working groups that have reviewed fishery management policies for improvement. She served as a scientific and technical reviewer for the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council and served on the US national SSC committee.

Ms Livingston's experience with MSC has been as a stakeholder/scientist for AFSC, providing scientific information and coordination of information being presented to MSC assessment teams. More recently, she completed the MSC Level 2 Capacity Building Workshop (Oct 2016), passed the Technical Consultant online assessment, and has been involved in a Pre-Assessment for a fishery in Santa Rosalia, Mexico.

Susan Hanna

Dr Susan Hanna is professor emeritus of marine economics at Oregon State University. Her research and publications are in the area of marine economics and policy, with an emphasis on fishery management, ecosystem-based fishery management, property rights and institutional design. Dr Hanna has served as a scientific advisor to the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, Minerals Management Service, Northwest Power and Conservation Council and the Pacific Fishery Management Council. She served on the Ocean Studies Board of the National Research Council (NRC), National Academy of Sciences, and several NRC Committees, including the Committee to Review Individual Quotas in Fisheries and the Committee on Protection and Management of Pacific Northwest Anadromous Salmonids. She has conducted reviews for the Center for Independent Experts (CIE) and is a current member of the CIE Steering Committee. Dr Hanna has been a member of Marine Stewardship Council assessment teams for West Coast Dungeness crab, Oregon pink shrimp, West Coast groundfish, Alaska Pollock, Alaska flatfish, and Alaska Pacific cod fisheries, and has served as a peer reviewer of several MSC assessment reports.

Terence James Holt

Dr Terry Holt is an independent marine environmental, with longstanding experience of managing marine consultancy projects, assessments and surveys. He holds a BSc. degree in Marine biology and a Ph.D. in Seaweed Cultivation. He is a former director of CMACS Ltd and Niras Consulting Ltd, and has over 35 years' experience in seabed ecology, including shellfish ecology, marine aquaculture (both research and commercial), fish and invertebrate surveys including scallops and other commercial shellfish, seabed surveys including trawl, dredge, grab, pots, camera and acoustic, and a variety of environmental impact assessments. He has provided expert advice on molluscan fisheries at planning enquiries and has published on trawl damage to seabed communities and on sensitivities of biogenic reef habitats. Dr Holt has been involved in MSC pre-assessments, main assessments, annual audits and peer reviews for queen scallops, mussels, cockles, clams and oysters in Europe, Canada and South east Asia since 2001, and has also contributed to pre- and full assessments of longline and trawl fisheries. He contributed at early MSC workshops on the development of generic scoring guidelines and refining of assessment method. In 2000 he carried out a preliminary assessment of a number of U.S. aquarium fish wholesalers and retailers against draft sustainability standards on behalf of MAC (Marine Aquarium Council). He has also carried out assessments of fishing vessels/crew under the UK Sea Fish Industry Authority's Responsible Fishing Scheme and passed the training course for the MSC's recently released standards for seaweed certification.