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## **Notification of Proposed Peer Reviewers**

### **Spencer Gulf King Prawn Fishery**

MRAG Americas announces proposed peer reviewers for the MSC assessment of the Spencer Gulf King prawn 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 in alphabetical order. All stakeholders have an opportunity to comment on the proposed peer reviewers; any stakeholder with comments may submit a statement by 5pm GMT on October 26, 2015.

**Julian Addison.** Julian Addison is an independent fisheries consultant specializing in shellfish and inshore fisheries. Until 2010 he served for 28 years at the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas), which is the UK Government's marine science agency for environment, fisheries and aquatic science, most recently as Senior Shellfish Advisor. Relevant skills and experience include 30 years' experience of stock assessment and provision of management advice on shellfish and inshore fisheries, extensive shellfish research primarily in the field of crustacean population dynamics and assessment, extensive knowledge of the UK shellfish and inshore fisheries industry and liaison with fishers and other stakeholder groups, knowledge of shellfisheries management regimes worldwide, effective oral and written communication skills and winning of contracts under competitive tender.

**Derek Staples.** Dr Derek Staples is a fisheries consultant based in Brisbane, Australia. Derek has a PhD in fisheries ecology from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand and a post-doctoral diploma in aquaculture from the Tokyo University of Fisheries, Japan. His career has spanned over 40 years and started as a Research Scientist with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO), where he worked for 16 years on penaeid prawn ecology and management in the Gulf of Carpentaria, Australia. He then transferred to a position in the Bureau of Rural Sciences as a senior science advisor to Ministers and policy decision makers in the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. He then served as the Senior Fishery Office in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Regional Office in Bangkok and the Secretary of the Asia Pacific Fisheries Commission.

His professional interests include all aspects of the sustainable development of fisheries and aquaculture, particularly small-scale operations in developing countries. After retiring from FAO, Derek has carried out consultancies for a number of international/national agencies including the FAO, World Bank, the GEF, NORAD, CGIAR, ACIAR, MRAG and USAID. A recent achievement has been the development and implementation of an Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management, which is now being widely adopted in both South and Southeast Asia.

Experience with the Marine Stewardship Council Certification has included pre-assessments for a number of Australian Commonwealth managed fisheries, Principle 1 assessor for the Australian Northern Prawn Fishery and testing the new language that was developed for the default tree for Principle 1 target species for the MSC. He has also worked closely with the MSC Asia Pacific in adapting the MSC principles for the region, including Fishery Improvement Plans.

Comments on the suitability of the proposed peer reviewer should be sent in writing by October 26, 2015.

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