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Norwegian Fishing Vessel Owners Association (Fiskebat)

**North East Arctic and North Sea Saithe Trawl Fishery
North East Arctic and North Sea Saithe Gill-Net Fishery
North East Arctic and North Sea Saithe Purse-Seine Fishery**

**Marine Stewardship Council Certification
Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd**

Nominations for Assessment Team membership

Moody Marine is currently undertaking the main assessment of the above fisheries against the Marine Stewardship Council Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing. To assist in this assessment, we are looking to appoint a team of expert advisors with collective knowledge of the stock evaluation, ecosystem impacts and management framework applicable to this fishery.

The persons proposed as potential team members of this fishery assessment are set out below in alphabetical order, together with a brief resume of their background. Potential team members have been selected on the basis of their experience of fishery management, stock assessment and/or ecosystem interactions. The final team will comprise of three expert advisors from the following list. The coordinating Assessor from Moody Marine will be Dr Andrew Hough.

All stakeholders are now invited to provide any comments on the suitability or otherwise of any of the nominees. We would, however, ask for any comments by the **1 August 2006** prior to continuing the assessment process. These should be sent to Andrew Hough at:

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Nominees for team membership (in alphabetical order):

David Agnew. David is currently head of a research group at Imperial College, London, and Fisheries Director for the independent fisheries consultancy MRAG Ltd. His technical expertise lies in fisheries assessment, statistical data analysis and modelling, and he has a particular interest in marine ecosystem and fisheries management issues worldwide, including the application of effective enforcement solutions. He has been involved in Marine Stewardship Council certifications from the position of client organisation and certification panel for the Bering Sea Cod Longline Fishery. He was previously senior manager with the Secretariat of an international intergovernmental organisation concerned with the conservation and rational use of Antarctic marine living resources (CCAMLR), and before that was a project leader in marine fisheries with the Department for Agriculture for Northern Ireland. Other experience includes 3 years as project leader in the Northern Ireland Fisheries Department, participating in cod/hake/whiting projects and assessments, two reviews of the cod recovery plans for WWF and gadoid population modelling as part of the scientific basis for the UK Cabinet Office's Net Benefits report (2003). This included functional (model) units of 15 stocks and long-term projection modelling under different recruitment/ecosystem interaction scenarios.

Rögnvaldur Hannesson. Rögnvaldur is Professor of fisheries economics at Norges Handelshøyskole (The Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration). He has carried out extensive research in this field for over 30 years and is entirely familiar with the Norwegian fishery management system. Projects carried out by Professor Hannesson include an investigation of the pricing policy of the Norwegian raw fish marketing boards, undertaken for the Norwegian Ministry of Fisheries, Autumn 1979; a study of fishermen's organizations and their role in the management of fisheries, undertaken for the FAO, 1984; drafting of a five year plan for the fisheries sector in Tanzania, for the FAO, March and April 1988; a member of a World Bank team of consultants investigating the role of research in fisheries development in Northwest Africa, Morocco, September 1989 and a workshop in bioeconomic analysis of fisheries, organized by the FAO and Instituto de Fomento Pesquero, Viña del Mar, Chile, November 1996. He has also served on several committees including: Committee to Review Individual Fishing Quotas in the United States, US National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences, August 1997 - August 1998; Committee to formulate a science plan for the North Pacific Research Board for The National Academies, 2003 and the FAO Advisory Committee on Fisheries Research, November 1997 where he was Chairman of the "Fish Stock Commission" for the "World Humanity Action Trust". August 1998 – May 2000.

Alf Håkon Hoel. Alf Håkon is currently Associate Professor, Department of Political Science at the University of Tromsø specialising in management regimes for living marine resources. His experience includes acting as a member of the National Committee on Environmental Research, the Programme on Biodiversity Research, Norwegian Research Council, advisor to the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the management of living marine

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resources, member of the board of the Roald Amundsen Centre for Arctic Research, University of Tromsø, a member of the Norwegian delegation to the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, vice-chair, National Committee of Polar Research, Norwegian Research Council, member of the Norwegian Research Council's committee on global change research, project leader for the Norwegian Research Council's study on research on Svalbard, FAO consultant on fisheries management issues, member of Norwegian delegation to FAO Fisheries Committee (COFI), member, Scientific Assessment Team, Arctic Climate Impact Assessment, member of the IUCN Working Group on Sustainable Use and a member of the Norwegian delegation to UN informal consultation process on oceans

Stephen Lockwood. Stephen is an independent marine environment consultant and chairman of the Welsh Minister's fishing industry consultation group. Until 1999 he was Head of the UK Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food laboratory at Conwy, which undertook research and development work in the fields of fish and shellfish cultivation, and the environmental effects of fishing. At a personal level, he was responsible for providing advice to MAFF policy divisions, and through them to ministers, across the broad field of coastal zone management. Previously, he led research and providing scientific advice on the conservation of fish stocks and the management of fisheries, including the Western mackerel stock, Celtic Sea and Bay of Biscay Demersal fisheries, Pilchard (*Sardina pilchardus*) stocks and Western English Channel herring and sprats. He has published on stock assessment, fishery management and coastal development issues.

Graham Pilling. Graham is Fisheries Biologist & Advisor with the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science, UK. His experience includes a review of the NMFS Gulf of Mexico red snapper stock assessment, a review of the NMFS Pacific hake stock assessment, development of a fisheries management plan for Lake Paliastomi, Republic of Georgia, review of bycatch in the US Atlantic pelagic longline fleet for the US National Marine Fisheries Service, and implementing review recommendations, growth parameter estimation and effect of fishing on the assessment and management of snappers and emperors in the Indian Ocean, including capacity building of local institutions to improve stock assessment techniques, assessment of squid and finfish resources on the Patagonian shelf, South Atlantic

Geoff Tingley. Geoff is a Senior Fisheries Management Scientist with CEFAS, UK. He has 16 years experience of working in marine fisheries science & management. His experience includes the following. Team member of the MSC assessment of the South African Hake Trawl Fishery. The scientific, management, licensing and policy issues of various fisheries around the world, seven years as the Team Leader of the group providing scientific and management advice to the Director of Fisheries and the Falkland Islands Government including the management of trawl fisheries. Detailed, practical knowledge of many aspects of fisheries management from the collection, processing & database management of catch & effort data, through negotiating access agreements, to the setting of licence fees & appropriate supporting legislation. Broad understanding of stock assessment and how to develop advice for managers from scientific studies. Experienced in drafting operating manuals for aspects of fisheries management for developing countries & in training of government fisheries management staff.

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