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ASSOCIATION OF SEAFOOD PRODUCERS CANADIAN NORTHERN PRAWN TRAWL FISHERY

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Confirmation of Assessment Team Members

Based on the technical expertise required to carry out the main assessment of this fishery, Moody Marine is pleased to confirm the assessment team membership. Team members are to be **Michaela Aschan**, Professor in fisheries biology at the Norwegian College of Fishery Science, **Colin Bannister**, former Head of the Shellfish Resource Group at CEFAS, Lowestoft and **Howard Powles**, fishery consultant and former Director of Fisheries Science and of Biodiversity Science at Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Headquarters. Lead assessor will be **Andrew Hough**, Moody Marine, UK. Further details on team members are provided below.

Date: 2 February 2007

Team membership (in alphabetical order):

Michaela Aschan. Michaela Aschan is Professor in fisheries biology at the Norwegian College of Fishery Science, University of Tromsø in North Norway. As Senior Scientist she was in charge of the Norwegian shrimp research including surveys and shrimp stock assessment in the Barents Sea in the period 1991-2005. She is now the chair of the ICES (International Council for Exploration of the Sea) *Pandalus* Assessment Working Group. Aschan co-chaired the NAFO/ICES *Pandalus* Assessment Group the first week of November 2006. In 2004 Aschan evaluated the assessment of the shrimp stock on the Scotian Shelf for the Canadian Ministry of Fisheries. She has been a member of several ICES working groups (WG): ICES Arctic Fishery WG, *Pandalus* and *Nephrops* WG and the Benthos Ecology WG. Michaela would principally address questions relating to MSC Principle 1.

Dr Colin Bannister. Colin Bannister is the former Head of the Shellfish Resource Group at Lowestoft and from 2001 until retirement in 2004 was the Senior Fisheries Science Advisor at CEFAS, providing high level advice to DEFRA and industry on all aspects of the assessment and management of finfish stocks. He has extensive knowledge and experience of the management of wild shellfish stocks, both crustacean and molluscan, and of scientific research and advice on the same. Since 2004, he has acted as a scientific member of the Canadian Government Review Panel for the Snow Crab fishery in the Gulf Region of Canada; a member of the Committees and Council of the Shellfish Association of Great Britain; and recently completed a report "Towards a Development Strategy for the Shellfish Industry in England" for the DEFRA Inshore Group.

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Howard Powles. Howard Powles has worked in fishery science, stock assessment, and conservation and management of fishery resources since the mid-1960's, as a working scientist, science manager, program manager, and consultant, with a recurrent focus on crustacean resources. With respect to Canada's Atlantic shrimp resources, he was a member of the NAFO Working Group on the shrimp resource in NAFO Areas 0 and 1 in 1996-2000, participating in annual assessment meetings with scientists from Canada, Denmark, Greenland and the USA to develop and peer review scientific advice. He also participated in Canadian assessment meetings on the shrimp resource in shrimp fishing areas off Labrador and eastern Newfoundland in the same period. As Director of Fisheries Science and of Biodiversity Science (1998-2004) at Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Headquarters he was active in developing ecosystem-based approaches to ocean management, in particular approaches based on defining ecosystem objectives and indicators.

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