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**ASSOCIATION OF SEAFOOD PRODUCERS
CANADIAN NORTHERN PRAWN TRAWL FISHERY**

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Nominations for Assessment Team membership

Moody Marine is currently undertaking the main assessment of the above fishery 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 two or 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 **31 January 2007** 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):

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.

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.

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.

David Vardy. David Vardy has served as Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture for the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador as well as President of the Institute of Fisheries and Marine Institute (the Marine Institute) of Memorial University. In 2002 he chaired a panel of experts to recommend management changes in the shrimp fishery, with a mandate to address the Gulf fishery and the Northern Shrimp fishery. This panel reported to the Provincial Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture. The report dealt extensively with measures to improve the quality of

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the final product and to reduce seasonality of the industry, within the context of an environmentally sustainable industry. The recommendations embraced changes in management, marketing, harvesting technology and processing and pointed to the need for wide-ranging policy changes. In addition, he has prepared two arbitration reports dealing with the shrimp fishery. The first was with respect to pricing of the fall fishery in 2001 and was prepared at the request of both parties. The second in 2004 was a report on production quotas for allocation among members of the Association of Seafood Producers (ASP). As a result of these activities he has an extensive knowledge of the industry and of the participants, fish harvesters, processors, allied industry, fishery scientists and managers. Several years ago he served as a member of the eminent panel of experts appointed by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans for Canada to report on the state of seal stocks in the Northwest Atlantic, which involved an assessment of the interactions of seals with the marine ecosystem, including *Pandalus borealis*. In 2003 he co-authored a report for the Young Royal Commission on New Arrangements for Fisheries Management.

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