Eastern Canada Offshore Scallop Fishery
Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd

Nominations for Assessment Team membership

Moody Marine is currently undertaking the assessment of the above fishery against the Marine Stewardship Council Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing. To carry out 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 three expert advisors from the following list. The co-ordinating Assessor from Moody Marine will be Paul Knapman.

All stakeholders are now invited to state any objections or other comments on the suitability or otherwise of any of the nominees. We would, however, ask for any comments to be submitted within 10 days of this announcement appearing on the MSC website. These should be sent to Paul Knapman at:

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Nominees for team membership (in alphabetical order):

John Angel. John worked with the federal Department of Justice before moving to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans as head of legal and regulatory affairs in 1983. His last position in government (1994) was as Regional Director of Fisheries Management for the Scotia-Fundy Region. After ten years as Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Prawn Producers, a trade association representing offshore northern shrimp interests in Eastern Canada, John retired from full time employment.

He has extensive experience in the development of integrated resource management plans and fishing strategies as well as a background in Canadian fisheries law and is currently a member of the Fisheries Resource Conservation Council (FRCC), an independent advisory body to the Canadian Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. He continues to provide consulting services to the fishing industry through his firm, Angel Consulting Services, located in St. Margaret's Bay, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Colin Bannister. Colin 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.

John Caddy. John is an international fisheries expert. Now an independent consultant, he has a long experience of marine resource and environmental research management issues nationally in his appointment with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), and globally during 20 years of work with the FAO, (including his former post as Chief of Marine Resources in the Fisheries Department). An early emphasis in his career was on management of marine invertebrate fisheries but he has since worked on management of a wide variety of other resources.

John Cranfield. John is the Principal Consultant for Seabed Processes Consultancy Ltd. Prior to 2004 he was senior scientist with National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Ltd with responsibilities in sustainable management of shellfish fisheries. He has extensive experience in: stock assessment, effects of fishing on the benthic environment, habitat restoration, molluscan recruitment, distribution of planktonic

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larvae and settlement. He was on the assessment team for the MSC certification of the Patagonian scallop fishery in 2006.

Don Gordon. Don has led numerous multidisciplinary projects investigating the effects of human activities on the marine environment, including oil spills, tidal barrages, hydrocarbon drilling wastes and mobile fishing gear. Focus of his research has been on benthic habitat and community studies with a strong field component. He also has experience in benthic habitat mapping, identification of important fish habitat and deep-water corals and has been involved in applying the research results to marine management issues. He retired from Fisheries and Oceans Canada in 2005 but remain an Emeritus Scientist within the Ecosystem Research Division.

Howard Powles. Howard 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 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. 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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