

*******Notice*******

Nominations for Peer Reviewers of Pollock Fishery Reports

In partial fulfillment of the MSC requirements for fishery evaluations, Scientific Certification Systems, Inc. (SCS) is required to nominate and take comment from stakeholders on potential peer reviewers for draft fishery reports. This notice is to provide the names of 4 potential peer reviewers for reports on the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands pollock fishery and the Gulf of Alaska pollock fishery.

At the initiation of this project, SCS spent several months consulting with stakeholders to identify acceptable experts to participate on the fishery evaluation team. Through that process a number of professionals (approximately 40) were nominated and commented upon until such time that SCS was able to narrow the field to a select few individuals with expertise in each of the three categories of inquiry required by the Marine Stewardship Council: Status of Stocks, Impacts of Fishing on the Ecosystem, and Robustness of the Fishery Management System. From the short list, SCS chose three of the nominees to serve on the evaluation team.

SCS is now using some of the remaining names of experts on the list to select peer reviewers for the draft reports on the pollock fisheries (BS/AI and GOA) under evaluation. The purpose of using remaining names is to avoid conflicts among stakeholder groups, as the people remaining on the short list are already considered acceptable candidates by the participating stakeholder groups.

The 4 scientists SCS is nominating as potential peer reviewers are:

Dr. John Pope	NRC (Europe) Ltd., United Kingdom	stock assessment
Dr. Andrew Read	Duke Marine Lab, North Carolina, USA	ecosystem effects
Dr. Marc Mangel	University of California, Santa Cruz, California, USA	stock assessment
Dr. Susan Hanna	Oregon State University, Oregon, USA.	fishery management

Comment should be submitted by 2 May 2003 to Chet Chaffee, Scientific Certification Systems. Any specific objections should be supported with an explanation of the reason for the objection.

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