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## **ADVISORY – PROPOSED ASSESSMENT TEAM**

### Pacific Hake Commercial Fisheries Full MSC Assessment

TAVEL Certification Inc proposes that the full assessment team for the Pacific Hake Commercial Mid-Water Trawl Fisheries will consist of the following individuals. TAVEL Certification is seeking stakeholder feedback on the proposed team makeup. Curriculum vitae for these individuals are available for review. Depending upon responses, the proposed team will be finalized by June 15.

#### **Principle 1 – Stock Health**

**Dr. Max Stocker, Ph.D.** – Dr. Stocker has 28 years of extensive experience in fisheries science. He is currently a part time marine fisheries consultant under contract with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) to provide scientific advice on highly migratory species in the Pacific Ocean. He is the lead Canadian scientist for highly migratory species for the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC). He serves as co-chair of the Stock Assessment Working Group of the Scientific Committee of the WCPFC and chairs the ISC Albacore Working Group. From 1978-2006, Dr. Stocker held the position of research scientist with DFO at the Pacific Biological Station conducting population dynamic studies, conducting peer reviewed stock assessments of many marine species, and communicating results to fisheries managers and stakeholders.

He authored and co-authored over 90 scientific papers and reports, and made over 50 presentations in national and international scientific meetings. Dr. Stocker chaired the Pacific Scientific Advice Review Committee (PSARC) for many years and edited and published over 30 advisory documents on the stock status of marine species and the implications of harvest management on these stocks. Additionally, Dr. Stocker served as in-house stock assessment consultant to the New Zealand Fishing Industry Board in the early 1990s conducting peer reviewed stock assessments, participating in the peer review process, and advising the Board on inshore and deepwater fisheries

#### **Principle 2 – Ecosystem Impacts**

**Dr. Donald Gunderson** - Recently retired from the University of Washington, where he taught fisheries science and management for 28 years. His research program at the University of Washington dealt extensively with the population dynamics and biology of groundfish and shellfish in the Pacific Northwest. He has authored over 50 scientific papers, including a textbook on surveys of fishery resources.

Prior to his University appointment Dr. Gunderson worked as a research and management biologist, spending eight years with the Washington State Department of Fisheries and 3 years with the National Marine Fisheries Service. During this period he was actively involved in the management of fisheries resources, participating in a number of bilateral negotiations with Soviet, Japanese, and Canadian agencies. During 1976-78, he served as a member of the Pacific Council's Groundfish Plan Development Team, which successfully implemented the first Groundfish Fishery Management Plan for the Pacific

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Coast. He also organized and led the first coast-wide trawl and acoustic survey of Pacific coast groundfish resources.

### **Principle 3 – Management Systems**

**Mr. Mark Pedersen, M.Sc.** – A Senior Marine Fisheries Scientist and President of Margenex International, founded in 1992. He was a groundfish biologist and fisheries manager with Washington Department of Fisheries from 1973 through 1991, the last 6 years, as Assistant Director. Mr. Pedersen has extensive experience in marine environmental issues; biology and habitats of economically important marine fishes, including Pacific hake (whiting), fishery management policy and regulations; seafood business and statistics for Pacific Northwest fisheries; Alaska offshore fisheries and Pacific Fishery Management Council issues. He has directed, managed, and/or participated in numerous projects involving fish migrations, resource stock assessments, fishery characterization, marine habitat impact assessment, enhancement, and mitigation. His work also involves assessment of environmental impacts, the Endangered Species Act, and planning and design of natural resource related projects. His responsibilities include project management, research, analysis, preparation and presentation of proposals and reports, and negotiation with government agencies. In addition to technical responsibilities, Mr. Pedersen has presented numerous talks at seminars and scientific symposia, and frequently serves as an expert witness before courts, legislatures, international commissions, and other formal hearing bodies. He has published more than 30 articles in international scientific journals and report series, including 3 involving Pacific hake.

All feedback on the proposed team can be sent to Steve Devitt of TAVEL Certification by June 15, 2007. All inquiries about the certification process and participation as a stakeholder may be sent to TAVEL Certification Inc at the following contacts:

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