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**Government of South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands
Patagonian Toothfish Longline Fishery**

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

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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. Proposed 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 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 **1 February 2007** prior to continuing the assessment process. These should be sent to Andrew Hough at:

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Date: 18 January 2007

Nominees for team membership (in alphabetical order):

John Cooper. John is Chief Research Officer of the Avian Demography Unit of the University of Cape Town, South Africa. He was Academic staff member of the Percy FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology, University of Cape Town, from 1973 to 1996, conducting and managing primarily ecological research on seabirds in South Africa, in the sub-Antarctic and on the Antarctic Continent. From 1996-1997 he was a Ministerial Advisor to Professor Kader Asmal, the South African Minister for Water Affairs and Tourism, he was involved with the Independent World Commission on the Oceans. He has coordinated the Seabird Conservation Programme of Birdlife International, funded

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by the UK's Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. Past Secretary and Chair (and remains a member) of the Bird Biology Subcommittee of the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research and of the Antarctic Advisory Committee of the World Conservation Union (IUCN). Past Vice-Chair for Antarctica of IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas. He has served on the management committees of both the Prince Edward Islands Special Nature Reserve (South Africa) and the Gough Island Nature Reserve (United Kingdom), as well as on three IUCN and one CCAMLR specialist or working groups. He has also acted as Conservation Officer of the Government of Tristan da Cunha, Co-Editor of the international journal, *Marine Ornithology*, which he founded in 1976, and Chair of the African Seabird Group. Regional Director of the *International Journal of Ornithology* from 2001.

Paul Medley. Paul is an independent fisheries consultant, based in the UK. His expertise includes mathematical modelling of fisheries and ecological systems, techniques for multispecies stock assessment and external review of stock assessment methodologies. He has been an invited expert for a number of stock assessment working group meetings. He has a wide practical experience in marine biology, including design and implementation of surveys and fisheries experiments. This includes addressing wider environmental issues of ecological management, including maintenance of marine biodiversity. He has also taken part in the MSC assessment of the South Georgia Patagonian Toothfish fishery and has worked with MSC on new methodology developments.

Graham Pilling. Graham is Fisheries Biologist & Advisor with the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science, UK. His experience includes a review of the NMFS Gulf of Mexico red snapper stock assessment, a review of the NMFS Pacific hake stock assessment, development of a fisheries management plan for Lake Paliastomi, Republic of Georgia, review of bycatch in the US Atlantic pelagic longline fleet for the US National Marine Fisheries Service, and implementing review recommendations, growth parameter estimation and effect of fishing on the assessment and management of snappers and emperors in the Indian Ocean, including capacity building of local institutions to improve stock assessment techniques, assessment of squid and finfish resources on the Patagonian shelf, South Atlantic. He has also taken part in the MSC assessment of the Norwegian and German saithe fisheries.

Jake Rice. Jake is based at the Canadian Stock Assessment Secretariat, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada, where he is responsible for coordinating all national and regional processes for peer review and provision of scientific advice on fisheries and marine science issues. The job includes integrating traditional knowledge with scientific results (and fishers with scientists at peer review meetings), thereby ensuring all review processes are open and transparent to all clients, while maintaining highest standards for objectivity and scientific quality. He is responsible for organising and chairing review meetings and workshops on trans-regional topics, chairing many national working groups, and serving as Headquarters liaison for many Regional science review and advisory groups. Jake also represents Canada at many international fisheries science bodies. He retains some research activities of international stature, particularly in the areas of ecosystem management and the effects of fishing on marine ecosystems. He has

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also taken part in the MSC assessment of the South Georgia Patagonian Toothfish fishery and Alaskan Pollock surveillance audits and was part of the MSC Objections Panel for the New Zealand Hoki fishery.

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