

**Bristol Channel Sea Bass Trawl Fishery
MSC Certification
Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd**

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 Team Leader from Moody Marine will be Dr Jim Andrews.

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 **8th July 2009** prior to continuing the assessment process. These should be sent to:

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Nominees for team membership (in alphabetical order):

Dr Jim Andrews.

Jim has 17 years experience working in marine fisheries and environmental management. His previous experience includes running the North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee as its Chief Executive from 2001 to 2005, and previously working as the SFC's Marine Environment Liaison Officer. He has an extensive practical knowledge of both fisheries and environmental management and enforcement under UK and EC legislation. Jim has formal legal training, with a special interest in the policy, governance and management of fisheries impacts on marine ecosystems. He worked with the UK Government and Government Agencies to implement the EC Habitats Directive at the local and national level; and also chaired Government working groups preparing new marine nature conservation legislation. Before working in fisheries management Jim developed integrated coastal zone management plans in protected wildlife sites for English Nature, one of the UK's statutory nature conservation agencies. Today, he is Director of AWJ Ltd, a company that provides legal, policy and management advice to fishery regulators and environmental managers; as well as working with the fishing industry and regulators to develop sustainable fisheries that are compatible with the ecosystems of protected wildlife sites. Jim has been involved in the review of several MSC certification assessments including the South-West Mackerel Handline Fishery, Loch Torridon Nephrops, Burry Inlet Cockles, North Sea Herring and South Georgia Patagonian Toothfish. He has worked as an assessor and lead assessor on MSC certifications within the UK and Europe and in India. In 2008 he worked with the MSC and WWF on one of the pilot assessments using the new MSC Risk Based Assessment Framework. Jim has carried out numerous MSC Chain of Custody assessments within the UK.

Dr Michael Pawson. Mike Pawson recently retired as senior fisheries advisor at Cefas, Lowestoft, after 39 years carrying out biological research and providing scientific advice to Defra, the EC and other national and international organisations on fish stock abundance (marine teleosts, elasmobranchs, salmonids and eels), technical conservation measures and fisheries management regulations, and on related monitoring, sampling, survey and research programmes. Between 1974 and 1980, he initiated and led acoustic surveys for blue whiting and mackerel, in L. Turkana, Kenya, and trawl surveys in the North Sea (1975-1979), and then spent 1 year working as an UNESCO Expert in Ichthyology in Tripoli, Libya. From 1980 to 1990, Mike designed and managed MAFF's coastal fisheries programme, implementing biological sampling, trawl surveys, a fishermen's logbook scheme and socio-economic evaluation of sea bass fisheries, and between 1990 and 2000 he led the Cefas Western demersal team, providing analytical assessments and management advice for 12 finfish stocks. During this time he was co-ordinator of the Anglo-French English Channel Fisheries Study Group (1989-1997) and chairman of the ICES Southern Shelf Demersal Stock Assessment Working Group (1996-98), and subsequently chaired the ICES Seabass Study Group (2000-04) and Elasmobranch Study Group (2001-02). He has initiated and managed EU-funded multi-national projects on methods for egg-production stock biomass estimation, bio-geographical identity of English Channel fish stocks, bio-economic modelling of Channel fisheries, development of assessment methods for elasmobranchs, marine recreational fishing in Europe etc.

Mike has provided scientific evaluation, quality assurance and advice to several national and EC-funded projects on fisheries biology, monitoring and assessment, and one of his major roles over the last 15 years has been peer-reviewing papers, reports and manuscripts in preparation. Since 2002, Mike directed and managed the assessment of salmon and eel stocks in England and Wales and provided scientific advice on their conservation. All of Mike's work has been published in refereed Journals, in ICES and EC working group reports, and in contract reports.

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