

HASTINGS FISHERIES MSC RE-ASSESSMENT

1. **Hastings dover sole (*Solea solea*) trawl, gill net, trammel net fisheries**
2. **Hastings pelagic (herring and mackerel) drift net fishery**

Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd

Nominations for Assessment Team membership

Moody Marine is currently undertaking the re- assessment of the above fishery against the Marine Stewardship Council Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing. To assist in this re-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 re 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 two or three expert advisors from the following list. The coordinating Assessor from Moody Marine will be Jason Combes The Lead Assessor will be 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 **10 days after the date this document was posted on the MSC website** prior to continuing the assessment process. These should be sent to Jason Combes at:

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Nominees for team membership (in alphabetical order):

Dr Jim Andrews.

Jim is Director of AWJ Ltd, a specialist marine fisheries and environmental consultancy. 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 continues to provide 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 assessment 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. Jim has carried out numerous MSC Chain of Custody assessments within the UK.

Dr John Nichols.

John Nichols is a retired UK government fisheries biologist with 42 years research experience in plankton ecosystems in the North Atlantic. He has been a member of ICES working groups on herring, mackerel, horse mackerel, sardine and anchovy assessments; and mackerel and horse mackerel egg surveys. He was also a member of ICES study groups on herring larval surveys and plankton sampling. He was scientist in charge of numerous research vessel surveys for fish stock assessment purposes. He has also recently taken part in assessments of the PFA North Sea Herring, Hastings Fleet Dover sole, herring and mackerel fisheries and SW mackerel fishery re-assessment with

Lead assessor will be **A. Hough** Moody Marine.

Dr Andrew Hough: Moody Marine Limited. Dr Hough has a PhD in marine ecology from the University of Wales, Bangor on crustacean ecology. He has been involved in marine and coastal environmental management since 1991, including management of fishery impacts on ecosystems and marine conservation biology. He has been manager of Moody Marine operations within Moody International Certification since 1999 with particular responsibility for the implementation of MSC Certification procedures and development of MSC methodologies. Dr. Hough has acted as lead assessor on the majority of Moody Marine MSC pre assessments and main assessments.

Fishery coordinator will be **J Combes** Moody Marine.

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