

**Hastings Fishing Fleet Dover Sole and Pelagic Fisheries
MSC Certification
Certification Body: Moody Marine Ltd**

Nominations for Assessment Team membership

Moody marine is currently undertaking the assessment of the above fisheries against the Marine Stewardship Council Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing. To carry out 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 final team will comprise two or three expert advisors from the following list. The co-ordinating Assessor from Moody Marine will be Dr Andrew Hough.

All stakeholders are now invited to state any objections or other comments on the suitability or otherwise of any of the nominees. We would, however, ask for any comments by the **5 January 2004** prior to continuing the assessment process. These should be sent to Andrew Hough at:

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Nominees for team membership (in surname alphabetical order):

Richard Banks. Richard Banks is a UK-based consultant specialising in fisheries management strategy development, aspects of fishery monitoring control and surveillance, fisheries economics, policy evaluation and the role and organisation of fishing industry organisations (associations, co-operatives, producer organisations etc). Prior to working as a consultant, he was Chief Executive of the UK National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations, responsible for representation of 6,000 fishermen on EU and national political issues, and the co-ordination and management of Producer Organisations and NFFO Services Ltd.

He is familiar with the Hastings fisheries having worked with the fishermen here for many years and is equally familiar with the EC, national and local technical legislation and management systems as applied to them.

Expected inputs would be primarily to Principles 1 and 3.

Tim Huntington. Tim Huntington is a UK-based consultant specialising in fisheries, aquaculture and the aquatic environment. He has over twenty years experience in aquaculture and fisheries as a fisheries biologist. He has designed, managed and directed coastal, marine and freshwater resource management projects in Europe and many other countries worldwide and is an environmental impact assessment specialist with wide-ranging experience of fisheries and aquaculture development worldwide. He has recent experience in fisheries, aquaculture and 'chain of custody' certification.

Recent or ongoing projects he has taken part in include assessment of World Fisheries By-catch Issues for FAO; Feasibility Study for the Environmental Certification of Aquaculture for MSC; Assessment of Environmental Variables for Inclusion in the Common Fisheries Policy (EU); Evaluation of the NAFO Fisheries Observer Programme (EU) and Valuation of Biodiversity Damage for Environmental Liability (EU)

Expected inputs would be primarily to Principles 2 and 3.

John Nichols. John Nichols is a retired UK government fisheries biologist with 42 years research experience in plankton ecosystems, including ichthyoplankton, in the North Atlantic. His experience includes stock assessment and management of North Sea pelagic species including the North Sea herring, western mackerel and horse mackerel and western demersal stocks. He was scientist in charge of numerous research vessel surveys for fish stock assessment including inshore nursery ground surveys, sole egg surveys of the southern North Sea and eastern English Channel for stock assessment purposes and surveys of flatfish nursery areas of the eastern English Channel for preparation of recruitment indices.

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.

Expected inputs would be primarily to Principles 1 and 2, but also with input to Principle 3.

Dr Douglas Wilson. Douglas Wilson is Senior Researcher and Editor-in-Chief of the Common Property Resource Digest at the Institute for Fisheries Management and Coastal Community Development, Hirtshals, Denmark. He has over eight years experience in social and socio-economic aspects of fisheries in Africa, Asia, Europe, Brazil and North America. He was recently the sociologist on a research project on integrating fisheries and environmental policies which looked at the Nordic experiences and the Common Fisheries Policy. In 2002 Douglas was a Team Leader in the development of guidelines for certifying sustainable small-scale fisheries for the MSC.

Expected inputs would be primarily to Principle 3.