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Notification of Proposed Peer Reviewers Sian Ka'an and Banco Chinchorro Lobster Fishery

MRAG Americas announces proposed peer reviewers for the Sian Ka'an and Banco Chinchorro lobster fishery. Potential peer reviewers must be considered, at a minimum, the peers of the experts comprising the assessment team, and have expertise in one or more of the following: the fishery under assessment, stock assessment issues, relevant ecosystem interactions, and fishery management.

A brief biography of each reviewer is provided below in alphabetical order. All stakeholders have an opportunity to comment on the proposed peer reviewers. Any stakeholder who objects to a proposed peer reviewer may submit a statement by 06 February 2012 justifying the objection.

Dr Paul Medley is an experienced fishery scientist and population analyst and modeller, with wide knowledge and experience in the assessment of pelagic stocks (amongst a range of marine fish stocks and ecosystems). He holds a first degree in Biology and Computer Science (1st class honours) from the University of York, and a doctorate from Imperial College, London, based on a thesis "Interaction between Longline and Purse Seine in the South-West Pacific Tuna Fishery". He has travelled widely and worked with a range of fishery systems and biological stocks, both as principal researcher and as evaluator, and was based in the Caribbean as a fishery scientist working on spiny lobster for five years. He is familiar with MSC assessment procedures, having participated in a significant number of MSC full assessments across a range of fisheries, undertaken a substantial number of pre-assessments and acted as peer reviewer in still others. He is familiar with a wide range of fisheries in the Caribbean and other parts of the world, and over the period 2000 to 2005 he has been serving with the Centre for Independent Experts, University of Miami, as an evaluator of various US fishery research programmes and on the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism Conch and Lobster, and Shrimp and Groundfish Working Groups. He has been working with the MSC on the development of guidelines for certification of small scale, data poor fisheries. He is based in York (UK).

Dr. Nelson M. Ehrhardt is a Professor at the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science of the University of Miami, in the Divisions of Marine Biology and Fisheries and Marine Affairs. Dr. Ehrhardt has been a tenured Faculty at this institution for 29 years. He also has 12 years of experience as Fishery Biologist with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), stationed in Mexico, Uruguay and Guinea (Conakry-Africa). In Central America, he has been a Fishery Consultant to the governments of Belize, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Panama. In the Caribbean region, he has been a Regional Consultant for FAO (1982-2006), providing scientific and technical support to FAO regional and country projects, and to regional workshops on spiny lobster and shrimp. Dr. Ehrhardt is the Scientific Director of the Central American Billfish Association. His Academic work involves teaching graduate courses in Marine Population Dynamics, Biometrics in Marine Science, Fisheries Sampling and Analysis, and Fisheries Population Biology, and serving as an Advisor of Masters and Doctoral degree students. He has graduated 23 PhD professionals in Fisheries. Among his various publications, Dr. Ehrhardt has published over thirty articles, technical reports, and expert analysis reports on Caribbean and Latin American Spiny

Lobster (*Panulirus argus*) fisheries. He holds a Fisheries Engineering Degree from the University of North Chile (1968), and MSc. (1971) and Ph.D. (1975) degrees from the University of Washington, School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences.

Comments on the suitability of any proposed peer reviewers should be sent in writing by 06 February 2012 to:

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