

INDEPENDENT PEER REVIEW SYSTEM FOR STOCK ASSESSMENTS
LACK OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Background and Purpose

This program, administered by Natural Resources Consultants, Inc. ("NRC Corp."), is for the external peer review of stock assessments and related management advice for selected stocks for which the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has responsibility. Generally, review activities will take one of two forms: (a) review of an existing stock assessment product, and (b) review through active participation in a stock assessment working group or a review committee such as those NMFS has in place. It is of utmost concern that the specific input provided by the reviewers be unbiased. This means that the selected individuals will provide their expert advice free from the influence of Government managers, the fishing industry, or any other interest group. For this reason, anyone who has

- (a) received in the past (1-2) years substantial funds from industry or environmental groups with vested interests in resources for which NMFS has stewardship responsibilities,
- (b) received in the recent past substantial funds from NMFS via a sole-source contract,
- (c) participated in a previous peer-review concerning the particular stock assessment under review, or
- (d) a history of an advocacy role for a specific viewpoint,

shall not be eligible to be reviewer with this program.

All reviews shall remain confidential to the extent permitted by law.

Assurance of Lack of Conflict

I, STEVEN T. WHITE do not possess any said attributes that would be considered a source of conflict of interest associated with my work as a reviewer in this program. When assigned a specific review task under this program, I will notify NRC Corp. if there are any other reasons why I should be unable to provide an unbiased review.

Signed

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Date

OCT. 29, 2001



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Steven White
FROM: Lee Alverson *MA*
SUBJECT: LCS
DATE: October 29, 2001

In addition to the new conflict of interest statement sent to you October 26, 2001, by Natural Resources Consultants that NOAA requested you review and sign, we have also been asked by NOAA to confirm whether any reviewer participated in the Center of Independent Experts first Atlantic Large Coastal Shark Assessments Review (CIE).

I have _____, have not participated in previous CIE reviews.

Signed by: *Steven F. White*

Date: *OCT 29, 2001*

If you are unable to sign that you have not participated, please provide an explanation of your participation.

It is important that we receive your conflict of interest form, CV and this form, as soon as possible.



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CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

B.S. (Zoology), Eastern Michigan University, 1971
M.S. (Fisheries), University of Washington, 1975
Ph.D. (Fisheries), University of Washington, 1981

Experience

1977-1980 Program Manager, Fisheries Research Institute, University of Washington, Seattle
1980-1981 Marine Fisheries Biologist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Seattle
1981-1983 Senior Marine Biologist, Dames & Moore, Safat, Kuwait
1983-1984 Senior Technical Management Consultant, Northwest Power Planning Council (University of Washington), Seattle
1984-1987 Senior Marine Ecologist, URS Corporation, Seattle
1987-1990 Project Scientist, ECOVA Corporation, Redmond
1990-1992 Project Manager, Dames & Moore, Seattle
1992-1993 Senior Scientist, EVS Corporation, Seattle
1994-1996 Senior Scientist, Raedeke Associates, Seattle
1996-1998 Supervisory Scientist, Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation, Bellevue
1999 Program Manager, CH2m Hill, Bellevue
1999-Present Senior Scientist, Natural Resources Consultants, Inc., Seattle

Special Assignments and Activities

Senior Scientist and technical author for Plum Creek Timber Company's multi-species, ecosystem-based habitat conservation plan and environmental impact statement for the central Cascade Mountain range.

Project manager for the amendment process for Plum Creek Timber Company's habitat conservation plan to amend the incidental take permit to include bull trout.

Assisted Plum Creek Timber Company develop an aquatic conservation strategy that focused on retaining, restoring and protecting watershed processes and land forms that contribute habitat structure to streams and private suitable habitat conditions for fish and other riparian - dependent wildlife species.

Task manager for drought/desertification control for a multi-disciplinary, multi-year environmental assessment in northern Nigeria.

Program manager for natural resources and forestry related projects in the Russian Far East and NIS countries.

Member of the Foundation for Russian/American Economic Cooperation and a delegate on the U.S./Russian Joint Commission on Economic and Technological Cooperation (formally known as the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission).

Senior scientist assisting the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Hazardous Assessment and Response Branch technical assistance project for "superfund" sites. Provided senior technical review of documents relating to the impacts to anadromous and catadromous fish in streams, rivers, estuaries and inter-tidal and sub-tidal marine habitats and determined the injury, loss or threat to these resources.

Project director for more than 30 projects involving wetland creation, restoration and enhancement.

Advisor to the Lake Washington Citizen's Advisory Committee, which had been established by the Washington State Department of Ecology to develop policies and guidelines for restoring national resources and biological diversity in Lake Washington.

Senior technical management consultant to the Northwest Power Planning Council to assist the Council in relation to phase I (study design) of the goals study task of the Fish and Wildlife Program in terms of the likelihood that those tasks would: (1) help the Council define the scope of the anadromous fish program by determining the extent of unmitigated losses of salmon and steelhead attributable to development and operation of hydroelectric projects in the Columbia River; (2) assist the Council in making wise choices among various options for protection, enhancement, and mitigation in the basin; and (3) help provide for a good return on ratepayer investments.

Senior marine biologist, conducted ecological studies of the inter-tidal and sub-tidal fish assemblages in Kuwait Bay, Khor al Sabiya and the inter-tidal mudflats near Failaka Island, Kuwait. Prepared and submitted final report on the marine resources of Kuwait Bay to the Government of Kuwait, Ministry of Electricity and Water.

Marine biologist, National Marine Fisheries Service, participated in detailed ecological studies of near shore groundfish assemblages off the coasts of California, Oregon, Washington and Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

Program manager for an interagency funded forest and natural resources management program to investigate the effects of forest management and streamside timber removal on coho salmon and cutthroat trout productivity in watersheds on the Olympic Peninsula, Washington.

Publications

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- 1984 White, S.T. and K. Relyea. *Gobiopsis canalis* from Kuwait coast, northern Arabian Gulf (Pisces:Gobiidae). *Senckberg. Biol.* 65:25-27.
- 1994 White, S.T. and R. W. Lundquist. Wetland functions and values; Aldarra Farms Property. King County, Washington. Final Report to Aldarra Management Company, Seattle, Washington.
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- 1996 White, S.T. and K. Gollnick-Wade. Review of current and proposed Washington State fisheries/watershed policies. Final project report, Boise Cascade Corporation, Olympia, Washington. 55 pp.
- 1996 White, S.T. and K. Relyea. Distribution and abundance of the gobies (Pisces:Gobiidae) from Kuwait Bay and adjacent waters. In review.
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