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Fishery Standard Committee Member Bios

Steve Devitt

Steve Devitt, (B.Sc.) is the Director of Sustainability for the Atlantic Groundfish Council (AGC), an association representing the >100' groundfish vessel sector in Eastern Canada. Since 2017, he has guided the association on matters related to sustainability of its wild capture fisheries, specifically in relation to AGC's five Marine Stewardship Council certifications and five Fishery Improvement Projects. He has past experience as a MSC Lead Auditor for both fisheries assessments and Chain of Custody schemes and has been conducting MSC-related work since 2002. Mr. Devitt brings a broad environmental and fisheries background to projects and trained as an ISO 14000 lead auditor. Prior to MSC related work from 1990 to 2000, he worked in the environmental services industry in various aquatic science capacities.

David Dietz

David Dietz currently serves as the Manager of Standards Oversight at the Global Seafood Alliance. He is responsible for guiding the development and revision of all Best Aquaculture Practices (BAP) and Best Seafood Practices (BSP) certification standards, along with supporting GSA's strategic focus on third-party assurances overall. David holds a Masters of Environmental Management from Duke University, focusing on seafood economics and supply chain sustainability. Before GSA, David managed the Economics Program for the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries.

Robert Landman

Mr. Landman has worked for Irvin and Johnson LTD the vertically integrated seafood company for over two decades. He is currently the Business Insights Manager for their trawling division. In his role, he has gained tremendous hands-on experience on fishery certification working with SADSTIA on the South African Hake certification. He has been a valuable and active member of the CSI Steering Group for the past two years. He holds a Bachelor's Science degree from Stellenbosch University.

Kerry Marhefka

Kerry Marhefka grew up on the coast of Maine but has made her career in Charleston, South Carolina. She graduated with a degree in Marine Biology from the College of Charleston and began work as a fishery biologist with the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council in 1998. During her time with the Council she worked primarily on

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implementing a series of marine protected areas. It was working on that process that she met her husband Mark, a commercial fisherman who was also working in support of the MPAs. In 2006 Kerry left her job to help found Abundant Seafood a company focused on local and sustainable seafood mostly caught from their boat. They also created one of the first community supported fishery programs in the country. Kerry is the Supply Chain Roundtable Lead for Global Mahi and Indonesian Snapper Grouper at the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership. She also represents the commercial fishery for South Carolina on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, serves on the South Carolina Aquarium Good Catch Program Advisory Board and is on the Advisory Team for South Carolina Sea Grant's Commercial Fisheries Training Academy.

Claus Reedtz Sparrevohn

Dr. Claus Reedtz Sparrevohn has been acting as Chief Science Officer for the Pelagic fishing sector in Denmark for more than 10 years. During that period, his work has been centered around strengthening science-based collaboration between the fishing sector, fish producers, management, and scientific bodies such as ICES. Industry driven data collection has been developed, starting with improving catch sampling, implementing self-sampling programs, designing industry surveys, development of selective gear, education, and from 2024 having a full CCTV program has been in place for the vessels in the Danish Pelagic Sector providing a whole new avenue of data.