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Possible Candidates for the External Review

Michael Shewchuk

Michael Shewchuk is a Legal Officer with the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs. He works on a range of activities to support the work of the Division, with particular focus on sustainable fisheries, protection and preservation of the marine environment, climate change, and international shipping. He currently serves as the Secretary to the Informal Consultations on the General Assembly draft resolution on sustainable fisheries and as the Secretary to the Informal Consultations of States Parties to the United Nations Fish Stocks.

Mr. Shewchuk previously worked with the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, where he developed extensive experience in ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including in the negotiation of General Assembly resolutions and the reform of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO).

He received a Bachelor of Arts with Specialization from the University of Alberta, Canada (1988) and a Bachelor of Laws from Queens University, Canada (1991). He studied international law and international affairs at The Hague Academy of International Law and at New York University. He also taught international law for several years at New York University.

Mr. Shewchuk practiced international law in Calgary, Canada for over ten years and he has been a member of the Bar of the Province of Alberta since 1992.

Judith Swan

Judith Swan has been working with fisheries governance, law, institutional and policy issues at all levels and in a wide range of capacities over four decades. She has worked in over sixty countries and was instrumental in founding World Oceans Day. From the beginning of her career as a law professor at six universities in Australia and Canada, her expertise has been the international law of the sea. She moved into government in 1980, where she has served as international relations officer in the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans. She served five years as Legal Counsel and Chief of Fisheries Management at the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency, and was appointed Executive Director of the Oceans Institute of Canada in 1990. She has consulted full time since 1994, except for some time that she served as Senior Policy and Programme Officer at FAO. Her work has included preparing fisheries-related treaties and legislation for a wide range of countries, reviewing and making recommendations to restructure RFBs (WECAFC, EIFAC), chairing two RFMO performance reviews (SEAFO and GFCM) and participating in the review panel for another (WCPFC) and authoring a number of FAO Circulars on issues relating to RFMOs, such as governance and RFMO actions and measures with regard to IUU fishing. She has co-authored a FAO Circular on RFMO performance reviews (not yet published). She has also worked with several RFMOs on various issues.

Kjartan Hoydal

Kjartan Hoydal worked as a fisheries assessment scientist for many years. In 1986 he became the Head of the Faroese Fisheries Administration and represented the Faroese Government as Head of Delegation, mediator and observer in a variety of negotiations.

He has worked with ICES as scientist, Chair of ACFM 1982-1983, and ICES fisheries officer 1983-1985, with the Nordic Council of Ministers as Secretary for Nordic Atlantic Cooperation, and served on the board of various institutions, including the Danish Institute of Marine Research and the Faroese Aquaculture Research Station.

He was Secretary of NEAFC from 2001 to 2011 and has participated in UN meetings (ICP, UNICPOLOS and the Biodiversity Group), the COFI meetings of FAO and subsidiary bodies, and the RSN, the Regional Fishery Body Secretariats Network. He chaired this network of the about 50 regional fishery bodies around the globe 2009 -2011.

He trained in Biology and Marine Ecology at the University of Copenhagen and subsequently specialised in the areas of fish biology, fish stock assessment and fisheries management.