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For consideration of appointment to

SEDAR #:

Stocks Assessed:

Workshops:

Name:

Employer:

Position:

Please describe any financial ties to the fishing industry, both commercial and recreational (dollar amounts are not required):

Fishery	Sector	% of income (?)	

Please describe any financial ties you may have to any fishing or environmental advocacy groups, or any leadership positions you may hold in such groups:

Organization	Position or source of financial interest		

Please list any research projects you are involved in that address the species considered in this assessment. This should include the funding source.

Project	Funding Source	Time Period	

Please describe any involvement in ongoing lawsuits directed toward the species to be assessed in this SEDAR Project:

Please disclose any other circumstances which could be perceived as creating a bias in your ability to fairly and objectively evaluate the information put forth in this assessment:

Signed _____ Date _____

