

## External independent peer reviewing – achievements and failures (P)

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Peer review is highly pertinent in the worldwide climate of rigorous evaluation of science-based policy and concerns about the subjectivity of scholarly peer review of science. ICES is currently engaged in a potential restructuring programme that is intended to bring it more into line with customer requirements for advice that is cross-cutting fisheries, environmental, and system needs. Concern is often expressed about the independence of review of science proposals and results, as well as the accuracy of reports that appear in the primary literature. We seek contributions from different areas of the world (including areas not traditionally associated with ICES) where the science underpinning management advice is subjected to different levels of external scrutiny and (peer) review. Those who have relevant experiences with subjectivity of peer review (good and bad) are encouraged to produce collated ideas for improvement to the systems in future. Speakers can include, *inter alia*, independent consultants in the marine community, members of the legal community who have experiences of what “independence” really means in an expert review context, and representatives of organizations specifically charged with providing independent peer review of science and its advisory context.

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