



# FAO-Based Responsible Fisheries Management Programme

## Site Visit Confirmation & Site Visit Plan

Surveillance Audit No. 2 (2013)

**Fishery Name: US Alaska Pacific Halibut Commercial Fisheries**

**Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands, Gulf of Alaska**

28<sup>th</sup> February 2013

Dear Randy Rice,

This letter is to substantiate the Surveillance Consultation Meetings (as confirmed with the various management organizations) for the purposes of on-site assessment of the Alaska Pacific Halibut Commercial Fisheries to the FAO-Based Responsible Fisheries Management Certification Programme.

The fisheries that are subject to the assessment include:

<b>*Unit of Certification</b>				
<b>US Alaska Pacific Halibut</b>				
	<b>Fish Species (Common &amp; Scientific Name)</b>	<b>Geographical Location of Fishery</b>	<b>Gear Type</b>	<b>Principal Management Authority (ies)</b>
1.	<i>Pacific Halibut (Hippoglossus stenolepis)</i>	Gulf of Alaska  Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands	Benthic longline	International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC)  North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC or 'Council')  National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS, or 'NOAA Fisheries'), Alaska Region

\*Note that the Assessment Units are investigated during the validation assessment stage.

The site visit will be for surveillance assessment purposes. The assessment will be against the requirements of the FAO-Based RFM certification programme. An agenda of the meeting is enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

Dave Garforth

Seafood Director

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## US Alaska Pacific Halibut Commercial Fisheries FAO-Based RFM Assessment

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Surveillance Audit (March 2013) - Meetings Schedule

Date	Time	Organization	City/Town	Staff Representative
04/03/2013	16:00	Halibut Assoc. of North America	Seattle	Peggy Parker
04/03/2013	19:00	Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI)	Seattle	Randy Rice
05/03/2013	13:00 - 15:00	International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC)	Seattle	Bruce Leaman Gregg Williams Steve Martell
05/03/2013	16:00	Pacific Seafood Processors Assoc. (PSPA)	Seattle	Glenn Reed
07/03/2013	14:30	US Coast Guard	Juneau	LT Tony Kenne
08/03/2013	08:00	Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G)	Juneau	Sue Aspelund Jeff Regnart Eric Volk
08/03/2013	15:30	Alaska Wildlife Troopers - AWT	Juneau	Lt Steve Hall
11/03/2013	09:30	United Fishermen of Alaska	Juneau	Mark Vinsel
14/03/2013	09:30	Alaska Wildlife Troopers - AWT	Kodiak	Lt Willard Ellis
18/03/2013	14:00	Home Charter Association	Kodiak	Richard Yamada
19/03/2013	14:30	North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC)	Anchorage	Chris Oliver Jane Dicosimo Dave Witherall

Interested parties who wish to submit valuable objective information relevant to the fishery in question can consult with the assessment team before, during or after the site visit using the on-line facility at the ASMI website:

<http://sustainability.alaskaseafood.org/stakeholder-involvement#submission> or by contacting the following people in Global Trust: [vtoromito@gtcert.com](mailto:vtoromito@gtcert.com) , [davegarforth@gtcert.com](mailto:davegarforth@gtcert.com) .