Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management Certification Program

Announcement of Surveillance Activities

For the

1st Surveillance Audit

Of the

U.S. Alaska Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands King, Tanner and Snow Crab Commercial Fisheries

This announcement substantiates the commencement of the 1st Surveillance Audit of the U.S. Alaska Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands King, Tanner and Snow Crab Commercial Fisheries to the Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) Certification Program on behalf of 'Eat on the Wild Side' (FVOA).

The fishery was re-certified 31st December 2017 against the Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management Standard v1.3 which is available at http://www.alaskaseafood.org/rfm-certification/fisheries-standard/.

This is a remote audit and as such there will be no site visit. Assessment activities will take place between Thursday May 10th and Thursday May 31st 2018.

This announcement also includes, on the following pages, details of the Unit of Certification under consideration and the Assessment Team that will be conducting the audit.

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Unit(s) of Certification under Consideration

The Units of Certification that will be considered during this surveillance audit are the U.S. Alaska Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands King, Tanner and Snow Crab Commercial Fisheries, under federal and state management, fished with trap gears, within Alaska's 200 nm EEZ as presented below:

Unit(s) of Certification for the U.S. Alaska Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands King, Tanner and Snow Crab Commercial Fisheries:

#	Fish Species (Common & Scientific Name)	Location of Fishery	Gear Type	Principal Management Authority
1	Red King crab (*Paralithodes camtschaticus*)	Bristol Bay	Trap Gears (Baited pots)	▪ North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC or 'Council') ▪ National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS, or 'NOAA Fisheries'), Alaska Region ▪ Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) ▪ Alaska Board of Fisheries
2	Blue King crab (*Paralithodes platypus*)	St. Matthew Island		
3	Golden King Crab (*Lithodes aequispinus*)	Aleutian Island		
4	Snow crab (*Chionocetes opilio*)	Eastern Bering Sea		
5	Tanner Crab (*Chionoecetes bairdi*)	Eastern Bering Sea		

Notice of Assessment Team

Based on the technical expertise required to carry out the above fishery assessment, Global Trust Certification Ltd., is pleased to confirm the assessment team members for this surveillance audit as follows:

Dr. Ivan Mateo, Lead Assessor
Dr. Ivan Mateo has over 15 years' experience working with natural resources population dynamic modeling. His specialization is in fish and crustacean population dynamics, stock assessment, evaluation of management strategies for exploited populations, bioenergetics, ecosystem-based assessment, and ecological statistical analysis. Dr. Mateo received a Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences with Fisheries specialization from the University of Rhode Island. He has studied population dynamics of economically important species as well as candidate species for endangered species listing from many different regions of the world such as the Caribbean, the Northeast US Coast, Gulf of California and Alaska. He has done research with NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center Ecosystem Based Fishery Management on bio-energetic modeling for Atlantic cod He also has been working as environmental consultant in the Caribbean doing field work and looking at the effects of industrialization on essential fish habitats and for the Environmental Defence Fund developing population dynamics models for data poor stocks in the Gulf of California. Recently Dr. Mateo worked as National Research Council postdoc research associate at the NOAA National Marine Fisheries Services Ted Stevens Marine Research Institute on population dynamic modeling of Alaska sablefish.

Dr. Gerald P. Ennis, Assessor
Following undergraduate and graduate degrees at Memorial University of Newfoundland in the 1960s, Dr. Ennis completed a Ph.D. in marine biology at University of Liverpool in the early 1970s. He retired in 2005 following a 37-year research career with the Science Branch of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. His extensively published work has focused primarily on lobster fishery and population biology and on various aspects of larval, juvenile and adult lobster behavior and ecology in Newfoundland waters. Throughout his career, Dr. Ennis was heavily involved in the review and formulation of scientific advice for management of shellfish in Atlantic Canada as well as the advisory/consultative part of managing the Newfoundland lobster fishery

Dr. Wes Toller, Assessor
Wes has an extensive background in fisheries management and habitat conservation. As owner and operator of his own consulting business since 2010, Wes has worked closely with a number of leading certification schemes including the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) and Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) to develop and improve processes for auditing and accreditation of sustainability standards. He previously worked as a program manager with Accreditation Services International (ASI) where he helped establish the company's nascent MSC Program. Wes has an in-depth knowledge of ISO requirements and international best practices that pertain to eco-labelling. He has a detail-oriented work style and wide ranging interests. Wes has experience in many subject areas within the field of sustainability, and a specialist in sustainable use of fishery resources in the field of fisheries management and marine science. Wes received his doctorate in biological sciences from the University of Southern California. He currently resides in Seattle.