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## **Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management Certification Program**

### **Announcement of First Surveillance of the Alaska Pacific Sablefish Commercial Fishery**

This notice is to announce the commencement of the 1st Surveillance of the **Alaska Pacific Sablefish Commercial Fishery** to the **Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) Certification Program** on behalf of the 'Eat on the Wild Side' (FVOA).

**This announcement also includes details about the Assessment Team.**

**This will be a remote surveillance audit.**

The fishery was recertified January 2017 against the Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management Program.

The Standard is available at <http://www.alaskaseafood.org/rfm-certification/fisheries-standard/>

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Units of Assessment within the Unit of Certification:

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U.S. ALASKA PACIFIC SABLEFISH COMMERCIAL FISHERIES			
Fish Species (Common & Scientific Name)	Geographical Location of Fishery	Gear Type	Principal Management Authority
Sablefish (black-cod) <i>Anoplopoma fimbria</i>	Gulf of Alaska (GOA)  and  Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands (BSAI)	Benthic longline Pot Bottom Trawl	National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)  North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC)  Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG)

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#### **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 re- assessment team members for the fishery 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.

#### **Rohan Smith**

Rohan is a lead assessor at SAI Global. He is a fisheries industry technical and management analyst with qualifications in Marine Science, Fisheries and Technology (North Atlantic Fisheries College, UK). He has conducted research evaluating impacts of different fishing activities on marine environments, including vulnerable marine ecosystems in inshore and offshore (24nm) waters of UK. He has developed models and approaches that are used to evaluate interactions of fishing and marine ecosystems. His work also include development of integrated sustainable fisheries management plans for Small Island Fisheries of the Caribbean (Montserrat). During this period he participated in research to gather data on mapping of fishing activity, collating catch composition, recording baseline habitat



characterisation, reviewing current fishing and ocean policies, as well as readiness of these fisheries to demonstrate sustainability. He has participated in assessments for diverse species but including Atlantic halibut in Canada with a focus on bycatch, habitat and ecosystems interactions. Other fisheries include pelagic fisheries; Atlanto Scandian Herring, West of Scotland Herring, North Sea herring, and Northeast Atlantic Mackerel.