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Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management Certification Program

Announcement of 2nd Surveillance of the US Alaska Salmon Commercial Fisheries

This notice is to announce the commencement of the 2nd Surveillance of the **US Alaska Salmon Commercial Fisheries** to the **Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) Certification Program** on behalf of the **Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation**.

This announcement also includes details about the Assessment Team.

This will be an onsite surveillance audit.

The fishery was recertified February 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:

Unit of Certification			
US ALASKA COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES			
Fish Species (Common & Scientific Name)	Geographical Location of Fishery	Gear Type	Principal Management Authority
Chinook salmon <i>O.tschawytscha</i> Sockeye salmon <i>O.nerka</i> Coho salmon <i>O. kisutch</i> Pink salmon <i>O. gorbuscha</i> Chum salmon <i>O. keta</i>	ADFG Admin Region 1: Southeast & Yakutat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Troll ▪ Purse Seine ▪ Drift Gillnet ▪ Set Gillnet 	Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG)
Chinook salmon <i>O.tschawytscha</i> Sockeye salmon <i>O.nerka</i> Coho salmon <i>O. kisutch</i> Pink salmon <i>O. gorbuscha</i> Chum salmon <i>O. keta</i>	ADFG Admin Region 2: Central	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Purse Seine ▪ Drift Gillnet ▪ Set Gillnet 	Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG)
Chinook salmon <i>O.tschawytscha</i> Sockeye salmon <i>O.nerka</i> Coho salmon <i>O. kisutch</i> Pink salmon <i>O. gorbuscha</i> Chum salmon <i>O. keta</i>	ADFG Admin Region 3: Arctic-YukonKuskokwim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drift Gillnet ▪ Set Gillnet ▪ Fish wheele ▪ Beach seine ▪ Dip net 	Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG)
Chinook salmon <i>O.tschawytscha</i> Sockeye salmon <i>O.nerka</i> Coho salmon <i>O. kisutch</i> Pink salmon <i>O. gorbuscha</i> Chum salmon <i>O. keta</i>	ADFG Admin Region 4:Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Purse Seine ▪ Drift Gillnet ▪ Set Gillnet ▪ Beach Seine 	Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG)

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**Announcement of Site Visit
Site Visit Schedule: Dates 11th to the 14th December 2017**

Date	Location	Approx. Time
Monday December 11		
Tuesday December 12	Kodiak KRAA	9 am
	Kodiak ADF&G	1:15 pm
Wednesday December 13	ADF&G 333 Raspberry Rd	8:30 am to Noon
		1:30 to 3:00
	AWT Office	3:15 to 4:30 pm
Thursday December 14	Juneau ADF&G HQ	8:30 am to noon
	Juneau DIPAC	1:15 pm to 2:30
	Juneau TSMRI	3:00 to 4:30 pm

This notice is to announce the dates of the site visit for the 2nd Surveillance of **the US Alaska Salmon Commercial Fisheries to the Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) Certification Program on behalf of the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation.**

The re-assessment will be in accordance with Alaska RFM Standard version 1.3 available at:

The Standard is available at; <http://certification.alaskaseafood.org/version13>.

The site visit by the assessment team will take place at the above locations in Alaska commencing on the **11th December 2017.**

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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.

Brian Allee, Ph.D. (Assessor)

Dr. Brian Allee attended the University of California Berkeley majoring in zoology. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Washington in fisheries. Dr. Allee has worked extensively with salmonid fish specializing in salmon research, restoration and enhancement of salmon and steelhead in freshwater, estuarine, and marine ecosystems in Alaska, Washington and Oregon. After working in Washington and Oregon as a fisheries biologist, he first came to Alaska in 1982 and worked for Prince William Sound Aquaculture Association as operations manager and later as president. He subsequently served as Director of the Fisheries Rehabilitation and Enhancement, Development



Division (FRED) of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. His responsibilities included the statewide public hatchery program, the private non-profit permitting and planning program, and oversaw the genetic, pathology, limnology, and coded wire tagging laboratories, fisheries engineering and regional and area FRED staff. While serving as Director he was appointed by the Governor to the Alaska Science and Engineering Commission and the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation. Dr. Allee returned to Alaska in 2003 to be the Alaska Sea Grant Director at the University of Alaska Fairbanks where he was active in funding fisheries research, education and extension for coastal Alaska. He more recently worked for the National Marine Fisheries Service in Portland on Mitchel Act hatchery funding in the Columbia River and participated on hatchery reform efforts. In addition, he was past President of the Fish Culture Section of the American Fisheries Society and a member of the Scientific and Statistical Committee of the Pacific Fisheries Management Council. During Dr. Allee's 44 year career as a fisheries scientist and administrator he had broad management experience at the policy and technical level, supervising large and small organizations in public (state, federal and tribal), private and private non-profit sectors.

Scott Marshall (Assessor)

Scott studied at Fisheries Science Oregon State University, M.S. Fisheries Science University of Washington 1974 - 1980 Fisheries Scientist and Project Leader at the Fisheries Research Institute, University of Washington.

Scott's primary emphasis was on researching sockeye salmon productivity in the Chignik Lakes, Alaska, on determining the origins of Chinook salmon harvested by foreign vessels operating in the North Pacific Ocean, and on the population dynamics of sockeye salmon in the Lake Washington watershed of Washington. 1980 - 2001. Alaska Dept. Fish and Game: He served in three primary capacities, Research Project Leader, Principal Fishery Scientist for Pacific Salmon Commission Affairs and Regional Supervisor. As a Project Leader he led research teams in the study of population structure and dynamics of the state's Pacific Salmon and Pacific herring stocks. As a Principal Scientist he served as a Co-Chairman or as Alaska's senior representative on several international technical teams established by the Pacific Salmon Treaty (e.g. Chinook Salmon, Transboundary Rivers, Canadian/Alaska Boundary Area Fisheries, Interceptions Accounting Committee, Data Sharing Committee, Editorial board). Scott served on Scientific and Statistical Committee of the North Pacific Management Council. As the Division of Commercial Fisheries Regional Supervisor for Southeast Alaska, he represented the Department at Alaska Board of Fisheries meetings, reviewed and/or critiqued numerous regulatory proposals for the fisheries of Southeast Alaska. He oversaw the daily research and management of the Southeast Region's commercial, personal use and subsistence fisheries. Scott served as Co-Chairman of the Transboundary Rivers Panel of the Pacific Salmon Commission. Idaho Department of Fish and Game he served as the Fisheries Bureau's Staff Biologist for Endangered Species Act Affairs. This included developing Biological Assessments, Applications for ESA Section 7 & 10 permits, and writing reports for incidental take of endangered Pacific salmon that occurred during the conduct of research activities, recreational fisheries and hatchery operations.



He also served as the Department's representative on the Habitat Committee of the Pacific Fishery Management Council. 2005 - 2013 U.S Fish and Wildlife. Scott was a Fisheries Administrator in charge of the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan (a hatchery mitigation program to compensate for construction and operation of four hydroelectric dams on the Lower Snake River in Washington Oregon and Idaho). Scott developed, presented and negotiated budgets for the program to the Bonneville Power Administration (roughly \$30 million annually). He reviewed and negotiated annual budgets, contracts, annual spending and scientific reports developed by our fish and wildlife agency cooperators who implemented the program (3 state, 3 tribal agencies and several U.S Fish and Wildlife Service field offices). Scott developed a series of three Programmatic Reviews (one for each of the primary species raised in our hatcheries) as required by the Northwest Power Planning Council's implementation legislation.

Marc Johnson PhD (Assessor)

Marc's studied at Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Corvallis Research Laboratory, Oregon State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. Scott gained a PhD in Fisheries Science Oregon State University Corvallis, Oregon Completed June of 2009 MSc in Ecology University of Brasília Brasília, Federal District (Brazil) Completed June of 1999. BSc in Zoology Oregon State University Corvallis, Oregon Completed June of 1996

Experience in fisheries science includes; Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (Period: 2/2010 – present) Location: Corvallis, Oregon Position: Technical Analyst Research with an objective of Developing research and provide technical advice for studies of spring Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and winter steelhead (*O. mykiss*) in support of the 2008 (NMFS) Willamette Valley Project Biological Opinion Cooperative Institute for Marine Resources Studies (Period: 7/2009 – 8/2009) Location: Newport, Oregon / Seattle, Washington Position: Academic Wage Researcher Research Objective: Design and use novel qPCR assays to investigate the influence of acclimation site exposure on olfactory receptor gene expression in juvenile spring Chinook salmon.