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Alaska Flatfish Fishery Completes 2nd Annual Surveillance Audit for Alaska RFM Certification

The Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI) is pleased to announce the Alaska flatfish fishery completed the second annual surveillance audit for Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) certification. Originally certified in December 2013, the objective of the audit is to monitor any changes since the previous assessment. For a copy of the second annual audit report <u>click here</u>. The client for the Alaska flatfish fishery RFM certification is the <u>Alaska Seafood Cooperative</u>.

The flatfish fishery is conducted in two separate management areas: the Bering Sea/Aleutians Islands (BSAI) and Gulf of Alaska (GOA). The RFM Certified Alaska flatfish catch is comprised of the following species: Yellowfin Sole, Northern Rock Sole, Southern Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, Rex Sole, Kamchatka Flounder, Arrowtooth Flounder, Alaska Plaice, and Greenland Turbot.

Comments and information are welcome from interested stakeholders. For instructions on how to submit into the assessment process <u>click here</u>.

As the certification of Alaska's fisheries progress, we will continue to provide email updates and update the website. We welcome any feedback or questions you may have at rfm@alaskaseafood.org.

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