

Global Trust Certification

US Alaska Commercial Salmon Fisheries

RFM Fishery Announcement

12 March 2024

1. Introduction

This Announcement marks the beginning of an RFM assessment during which [the](#) above fishery will be assessed for conformity to the requirements of the applicable Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) program(me)/scheme and documents outlined in Table 1 and details the information Global Trust Certification must provide when formally announcing this assessment.

Table 1. Relevant RFM program(me)/scheme and documents, including applicable versions and their usage.			
Relevant RFM program(me)/scheme	Certified Seafood Collaborative (CSC) Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) Certification Program		
Relevant RFM program(me)/scheme documents	Document title (delete rows as appropriate)	Version/Issue/Revision	Usage
RFM Procedure 2: Application to Certification Procedures for the RFM Fishery Standard		Version 6.1	Process
CSC Responsible Fisheries Management Certification Program Fisheries Standard		Version 2.1	Standard
Responsible Fisheries Management Certification Program Guidance to Performance Evaluation for the Certification of Wild Capture and Enhanced Fisheries in North America		Version 2.1	Guidance to standard

2. Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) fishery announcement

Table 2. Fishery announcement.	
1 Fishery name	
	Alaska Commercial Salmon Fisheries
2 Certification cycle, assessment type and number	
Certification cycle	third (5-year) certification cycle
Assessment type and number	third surveillance assessment
3 Statement that the fishery is within scope	

Table 2. Fishery announcement.

Global Trust confirms that the fishery under assessment (as defined by the Units of Assessment (UoAs) described below) is within scope of the relevant RFM Fisheries Standard.

4 Unit(s) of Assessment – UoA(s)

Units of Assessment (UoAs)			
Common across all UoAs		UoA	
Geographical Area(s):		All	State and Federal waters of the U.S. state of Alaska in FAO major fishing area 67.
Principal Management Authority:		All	Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG)
Unique to each UoA		UoA	
Species:	Common name:	1	King/Chinook
	Latin name:		<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>
	Common name:	2	Sockeye/Red
	Latin name:		<i>Oncorhynchus nerka</i>
	Common name:	3	Coho/Silver
	Latin name:		<i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i>
	Common name:	4	Pink/Humpback
	Latin name:		<i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i>
Fishery Location:	Common name:	5	Keta/Chum
	Latin name:		<i>Oncorhynchus keta</i>
	1	ADFG Admin Region 1: Southeast & Yakutat	
	2	ADFG Admin Region 2: Central	
Fishing gears/methods:	3	ADFG Admin Region 3: Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim	
	4	ADFG Admin Region 4: Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian	
	1	Troll	
	2	Purse seine	
	3	Beach seine	
	4	Drift gillnet	
	5	Set gillnet	
6	Dipnet		
	7	Fish wheel	

5 Name of proposed team leader

Dr. Ivan Mateo. Dr. Mateo meets all general requirements for an RFM Team Leader. He has extensive experience working with wide variety of fish species including other gadoids, Rockfish, and flatfish (i.e. Atlantic Cod, Pacific Ocean Perch, Senegal Tonguefish, Tropical flatfish (10 years). He has Extensive experience in marine conservation advice as well as fisheries management advice (15 Years). He has Extensive experience in Marine Ecology, Conservation Legislation Fisheries Management, Strategic Planning/Risk Management (10 years). Dr. Mateo does not have conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment. Summary of CV to be provided in Appendix 1

6 Name(s) of proposed team members

1. Mr Scott Marshall

Mr. Marshall meets all general requirements for an RFM Team Member. For over 31 years Mr Marshall worked at ADF&G during which he served in three primary capacities, Research Project Leader, Principal Fishery Scientist for Pacific Salmon Commission Affairs and latterly Regional Supervisor. As a Project Leader Scott lead research teams in the study of population structure and dynamics of the state's Pacific Salmon and Pacific herring stocks. As a Principal Scientist Scott served as a Co-Chairman or as Alaska's senior representative on several international technical teams established by the Pacific Salmon Treaty. Scott also served on Scientific and Statistical Committee of the North Pacific Management Council. As the Division of Commercial Fisheries Regional Supervisor for Southeast Alaska, Scott represented the

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Department at Alaska Board of Fisheries meetings, reviewed and/or critiqued numerous regulatory proposals for Southeast Alaskan fisheries. Scott also oversaw the daily research and management of the Southeast Region's commercial, personal use and subsistence fisheries and served as Co-Chairman of the Transboundary Rivers Panel of the Pacific Salmon Commission. Mr Scott Marshall will be responsible for the Stock assessment Section. Mr. Marshall does not have conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment. Summary of CV to be provided in Appendix 1

2. Mr Ray Beamesderfer

Mr. Beamesderfer meets all general requirements for an RFM Team Member. Mr. Beamesderfer holds a bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology from the University of California, Davis, and a Master's in Fishery Resources from the University of Idaho. Ray worked in fish research, fishery management, and policy analysis for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for 17 years and has been a consultant since 2000. He has completed a wide variety of projects in fishery management, biological assessment, and conservation/recovery planning. He is the author of numerous reports, management plans, and scientific articles on fish population dynamics, fish conservation, fishery, and hatchery management, sampling, and species interactions. Ray has served on fishery assessment teams for salmon fisheries in Alaska, Japan and Russia since 2000 and brings perspective and harmonization among salmon fishery assessments in the Pacific. Mr Scott Marshall will be responsible for the Fishery Management and Ecosystem Impacts Section. Mr. Beamesderfer does not have conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment. Summary of CV to be provided in Appendix 1

7 Site visit

The site visit (which may take place remotely) will take on the proposed date(s) and at the following location(s):

- Site visit dates: 18 March 2024 to 22 March 2024.
- Site visit location(s): the site visit portion of this assessment will take place remotely.

Stakeholders wishing to consult directly with the assessment team during this period may contact Global Trust as outlined below requesting to do so:

1. Contact Global Trust Client Services: ClientServicesie@nsf.org.
2. The deadline for doing so is **17:00 UTC on Friday 15 March 2024**.
3. Provide at least the following details when doing so:
 - Your name and contact details.
 - Your association with the fishery.
 - Your interest in the fishery/the issues you would like to discuss.

8 Stakeholder comment opportunities

(Only applicable for Full Assessments/Scope extensions under Alaska/SSC RFM otherwise remove)

As part of this assessment, previously registered stakeholders will be afforded an opportunity to provide input on a public draft of the assessment report which will be provided for comment when the defined 30-day period in which registered stakeholders may comment is reached.

As this stakeholder input opportunity is limited to previously registered stakeholders, interested stakeholders should ensure they register as outlined below.

1. Contact Global Trust Client Services as outlined above requesting to be registered as a stakeholder for this fishery.

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- The above deadline for requesting to consult with the assessment team and the details stakeholder shall apply when requesting to be registered as a stakeholder shall additionally apply here.

3. Appendices

3.1 Appendix 1: Summaries of CVs of team leader and team members

The assessment team for this assessment consists of:

- Dr Ivan Mateo (Lead Assessor)
- Scott Marshall (Assessor and primary responsibility for stock assessment and fish stock biology)
- Ray Beamesderfer (Assessor and primary responsibility for fisheries management, and ecosystem impacts)

A brief bio for each assessment team member is presented below.

Team Leader: Dr Ivan Mateo

Dr. Ivan Mateo has over 20 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. Ivan 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 Defense Fund developing population dynamics models for data poor stocks in the Gulf of California. Recently Ivan 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. Ivan will be in charge of coordinating the other Assessment Team members, participating in the assessment and be responsible for the completion of the assessment in accordance with Certification procedures. Ivan does not have any conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.

Team Member: Scott Marshall, Primary Responsibility for stock assessment and fish stock biology/ecology

B.Sc. 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.

From 1980 to 2001 worked at ADF&G during which he served in three primary capacities, Research Project Leader, Principal Fishery Scientist for Pacific Salmon Commission Affairs and latterly Regional Supervisor. As a Project Leader Scott lead research teams in the study of population structure and dynamics of the state's Pacific Salmon and Pacific herring stocks. As a Principal Scientist Scott served as a Co-Chairman or as Alaska's senior representative on several international technical teams established by the Pacific Salmon Treaty. Scott also served on Scientific and Statistical Committee of the North Pacific Management Council. As the Division of Commercial Fisheries Regional Supervisor for Southeast Alaska, Scott represented the Department at Alaska Board of Fisheries meetings, reviewed and/or critiqued numerous regulatory proposals for Southeast Alaskan fisheries. Scott also oversaw the daily research and management of the Southeast Region's commercial, personal use and subsistence fisheries and served as Co-Chairman of the Transboundary Rivers Panel of the Pacific Salmon Commission.

From 2000 to 2005 Scott worked at Idaho Department of Fish and Game 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.

Team Member: Ray Beamesderfer, Primary Responsibility for ecosystem impacts/fisheries management/

Mr. Beamesderfer holds a bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology from the University of California, Davis, and a Master's in Fishery Resources from the University of Idaho. Ray worked in fish research, fishery management, and policy analysis for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for 17 years and has been a consultant since 2000. He has completed a wide variety of projects in fishery management, biological assessment, and conservation/recovery planning. He is the author of numerous reports, management plans, and scientific articles on fish population dynamics, fish conservation, fishery, and hatchery management, sampling, and species interactions. Ray has served on fishery assessment teams for salmon fisheries in Alaska, Japan and Russia since 2000 and brings perspective and harmonization among salmon fishery assessments in the Pacific