Global Trust Certification

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

CSI Fishery Announcement

27 October 2026

1. Introduction

This Announcement marks the beginning of an CSI assessment during which the above fishery will be assessed for conformity to the requirements of the Certified Seafood International program and documents outlined in Table 1 and details the information Global Trust Certification must provide when formally announcing this assessment.

Table 1. Relevant CSI program documents, including applicable versions and their usage.

Document title	Version	Usage
Procedure 2: Application to Certification Procedures for the Fisheries Standard for Version 2.2	Version 6.3	Process
CSI Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) Fisheries Standard	Version 2.2	Standard
CSI Guidance to Performance Evaluation for the Certification of Wild Capture and Enhanced Fisheries	Version 2.2	Guidance to standard

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2. Certification Seafood International (CSI) fishery announcement

Table 2. Fishery announcement.

1	Fishery name	
	US Alaska Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands King, Tanner and Snow Crab Commercial Fisheries	
2	Certification cycle, assessment type and number	
	Certification cycle	Third (5-year) certification cycle
	Assessment type and number	Fourth surveillance assessment
3	Statement that the fishery is within scope	
	Global Trust confirms that the fishery under assessment (as defined by the Units of Assessment (UoAs) described below) is within scope of the relevant CSI Fisheries Standard.	
4	Unit(s) of Assessment – UoA(s)	

Table 3. Units of Certification.

Unit of Certification 1 of 5		
Species:	Common name:	Red King crab
	Latin name:	*Paralithodes camtschaticus*
Stock(s):		Bristol Bay Red King crab
Geographical area:		U.S. Federal and State waters off the U.S. State of Alaska
Fishing gear/method:		Baited pot/trap gears
Client group:		Bering Sea Crab Client Group LLC
Unit of Certification 2 of 5		
Species:	Common name:	Snow crab
	Latin name:	*Chionoecetes opilio*
Stock(s):		Eastern Bering Sea Snow crab
Geographical area:		U.S. Federal and State waters off the U.S. State of Alaska
Fishing gear/method:		Baited pot/trap gears
Client group:		Bering Sea Crab Client Group LLC
Unit of Certification 3 of 5		
Species:	Common name:	Blue King crab
	Latin name:	*Paralithodes platypus*
Stock(s):		St. Matthew Island Blue King crab
Geographical area:		U.S. Federal and State waters off the U.S. State of Alaska
Fishing gear/method:		Baited pot/trap gears
Client group:		Bering Sea Crab Client Group LLC
Unit of Certification 4 of 5		
Species:	Common name:	Tanner crab
	Latin name:	*Chionoecetes bairdi*
Stock(s):		Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab
Geographical area:		U.S. Federal and State waters off the U.S. State of Alaska
Fishing gear/method:		Baited pot/trap gears
Client group:		Bering Sea Crab Client Group LLC
Unit of Certification 5 of 5		
Species:	Common name:	Golden King crab
	Latin name:	*Lithodes aequispinus*
Stock(s):		Aleutian Islands Golden King crab
Geographical area:		U.S. Federal and State waters off the U.S. State of Alaska
Fishing gear/method:		Baited pot/trap gears
Client group:		Bering Sea Crab Client Group LLC

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Table 2. Fishery announcement.

Management system: (all Units of Certification)	U.S. Federal and State fisheries within the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands managed by: - National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) - North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) - Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) - Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF)

5 Name of proposed team leader

Deirdre Hoare. Primary Responsibility for fisheries management and ecosystem impacts.
Deirdre Hoare meets all general requirements for a CSI Team Leader. She is a fisheries scientist with over 15 years of experience in a wide range of projects associated with fisheries stock assessment and ecosystem impacts of fisheries. She has extensive experience in marine conservation advice as well as fisheries management advice (15 Years). She has extensive experience in Marine Ecology, Conservation Legislation Fisheries Management, Strategic Planning/Risk Management (10 years). CV on file.
Deirdre Hoare 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

Mr Gerald (Jerry) P. Ennis, Ph.D., Assessor 1. Primarily responsible for stock assessment
Jerry Ennis does not have conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.
Summary of CV to be provided in Appendix 1.

Paul Knapman, Assessor 2. Primarily responsible for fisheries management
Paul Knapman 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: week of 23rd November 2026.**
- **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 Fisheries Team: **Fisheries@nsf.org**
2. The deadline for doing so is **17:00 UTC** on **Friday 20 November 2026**.
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

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.

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Table 2. Fishery announcement.
1. Contact Global Trust Fisheries Team as outlined above requesting to be registered as a stakeholder for this fishery. o 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:

- Deirdre Hoare (Lead Assessor and primary responsibility for fisheries management and ecosystem impacts)
- Jerry Ennis (Assessor and primary responsibility for stock assessment and fish stock biology/ecology).
- Paul Knapman (Assessor and primarily responsible for fisheries management)

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

Team Leader: Deirdre Hoare Primary Responsibility for fisheries management and ecosystem impacts

Deirdre Hoare is a fisheries scientist with over 15 years of experience in a wide range of projects associated with fisheries stock assessment and ecosystem impacts of fisheries. She is an ISO19011 Certified Lead Auditor and MSC FCR v.2.0 and FCP v.2.1 approved Fisheries Team Leader for NSF. Deirdre has a BSc and MSc in Marine Zoology from University College Galway. Until recently Deirdre worked as an independent MSC Principle 2 expert on many different fisheries in Europe, Greenland, North America and Asia. Principle 2 focuses on the effects of the fishery on associated species of fish and interactions with seabirds, marine mammals, and the benthic ecology. Prior to this, she held the position of Fishery Science Manager at MarinTrust, working on reduction fishery sustainability. Before this, she worked North-western Waters Advisory Council as an Executive Assistant. This involved working on multidisciplinary and multilingual teams to consult with stakeholders, gather evidence, and produce substantial reports and proposals for the European Commission. As a Fisheries Assessment Analyst and a Scientific and Technical Officer for the Marine Institute in Ireland, she was involved in fisheries research and stock assessment for ICES working groups. As well as having worked as a researcher, she completed many trips on commercial fishing vessels as a scientific observer in the NAFO area, Northwest Atlantic, and Irish Coast.

Deirdre does not have any conflicts of interest in relation to the fisheries under assessment and will take part in the site visit.

Team Member:

Gerald (Jerry) P. Ennis, Ph.D., Assessor 1. Primarily responsible for stock assessment

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. In the past decade Jerry has been involved in dozens of crab, lobster and groundfish MSC assessment audits in the US and Canada.

Paul Knapman, Assessor 2. Primarily responsible for fisheries management

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Paul is an independent consultant based in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Paul began his career in fisheries nearly 30 years ago as a fisheries officer in the UK, responsible for the enforcement of UK and EU fisheries regulations. He then worked with the UK government's nature conservation advisors (1993-2001), as their Fisheries Programme Manager, responsible for establishing and developing an extensive programme of work with fisheries managers, scientists, the fishing industry and ENGOs, researching the effects of fishing and integrating nature conservation requirements into national and European fisheries policy and legislation.

Between 2001-2004 he was Head of the largest inshore fisheries management organisation in England, with responsibility for managing an extensive area of inshore fisheries on the North Sea coast. The organisations responsibilities and roles included: stock assessments; setting and ensuring compliance with allowable catches; developing and applying regional fisheries regulations; the development and implementation of fisheries management plans; acting as the lead authority for the largest marine protected area in England.

In 2004, Paul moved to Canada and established his own consultancy providing analysis, advisory and developmental work on fisheries management policy in Canada and Europe. He helped draft the management plan for one of Canada's first marine protected areas, undertook an extensive review on IUU fishing in the Baltic Sea and was appointed as rapporteur to the European Commission's Baltic Sea Regional Advisory Council.

In 2008, Paul joined Moody Marine as their Americas Regional Manager, with responsibility for managing and developing their regional MSC business. He became General Manager of the business in 2012. Paul has been involved as a lead assessor, team member and technical advisor/reviewer for more than 50 different fisheries in the MSC programme. He returned to fisheries consultancy in 2015.

3.2 Appendix 2: Timelines

Year	2026/2027									
Calendar Month	Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb	
Assessment Month	M1		M2		M3		M4		M5	
Assessment Planning										
Assessment announcement										
Site visit										
Drafting report and scoring										
30 day comment period										
Publication of Final Report										

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