

# Global Trust Certification

## U.S. Alaska Salmon Commercial fisheries

### CSI Fishery Announcement

**06 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 |

## 2. Certification Seafood International (CSI) fishery announcement

**Table 2.** Fishery announcement.

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| <b>1 Fishery name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |                                     |                                                                                   |
| US Alaska Salmon Commercial Fisheries                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |                                     |                                                                                   |
| <b>2 Certification cycle, assessment type and number</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |                                     |                                                                                   |
| Certification cycle                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |              | Fourth (5-year) certification cycle |                                                                                   |
| Assessment type and number                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |              | First surveillance assessment       |                                                                                   |
| <b>3 Statement that the fishery is within scope</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |              |                                     |                                                                                   |
| 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |              |                                     |                                                                                   |
| <b>4 Unit(s) of Assessment – UoA(s)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |                                     |                                                                                   |
| Units of Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |              |                                     |                                                                                   |
| 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>                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Common name: | 5                                   | Keta/Chum                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Latin name:  |                                     | <i>Oncorhynchus keta</i>                                                          |
| Geographical area:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |              | All                                 | State and Federal waters of the U.S. state of Alaska in FAO major fishing area 67 |
| Stock(s):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              | 1                                   | ADFG Admin Region 1: Southeast & Yakutat                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |              | 2                                   | ADFG Admin Region 2: Central                                                      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |              | 3                                   | ADFG Admin Region 3: Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim                                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |              | 4                                   | ADFG Admin Region 4: Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands          |
| Management system:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |              | All                                 | Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG)                                         |
| Fishing gear/method:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              | 1                                   | Troll                                                                             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |              | 2                                   | Purse Seine                                                                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |              | 3                                   | Beach Seine                                                                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |              | 4                                   | Drift Gillnet                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |              | 5                                   | Set Gillnet                                                                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |              | 6                                   | Dipnet                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |              | 7                                   | Fish Wheel                                                                        |
| Client group:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |              |                                     | Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation                                           |
| <b>5 Name of proposed team leader</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |                                     |                                                                                   |
| <p><b>Deirdre Hoare.</b> Primary Responsibility for fisheries management and ecosystem impacts.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Deirdre Hoare does not have conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</p> <p>Summary of CV to be provided in Appendix 1.</p> |              |                                     |                                                                                   |
| <b>6 Name(s) of proposed team members</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |                                     |                                                                                   |
| <b>Ray Beamesderfer</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |                                     |                                                                                   |

**Table 2.** Fishery announcement.

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 Beamesderfer 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: week of 2nd 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](mailto:Fisheries@nsf.org)
2. The deadline for doing so is **17:00 UTC on Friday 30 October 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.

1. Contact Global Trust Fisheries Team as outlined above requesting to be registered as a stakeholder for this fishery.
  - 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 ecosystem impacts)

- Ray Beamesderfer (Assessor and primary responsibility for fisheries management and stock assessment and fish stock biology/ecology).

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

**Team Leader: Deirdre Hoare Primary Responsibility for 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: Ray Beamesderfer, Primary Responsibility for stock assessment/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.

### 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 |           |     |     |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |