



FAO Based Responsible Fisheries Management Certification

Confirmation of External Peer Reviewers

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Application submitted by: **Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, Juneau Alaska.**

Fishery: **U.S. Alaska Pollock (*Theragra chalcogramma*) commercial fishery, Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands.**

Based on the technical expertise required to carry out the above fishery assessment, Global Trust Certification Ltd. is pleased to confirm the external peer review team members for this fishery as follows.

Herman Savikko

Herman Savikko has worked for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for 30 years. For the last 9 years of his career, he was the State/Federal Marine Fisheries Coordinator. He was responsible for coordinating the bio-technical information between the department, the public, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) and the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF). Mr. Savikko was the lead Fishery Biologist on the State's advance team providing the Commissioner of Fish and Game, a voting NPFMC member, with detailed data on issues and assisted in department policy-making decisions over FMP fisheries. In that role, the team developed policy approaches to improve management and resource sustainability through the implementation of various catch share programs, establishing critical habitat, better data collection and reporting methods, and enhanced enforcement.

Dankert Skagen (M.D) (Assessor)

Dankert Skagen has worked for the Institute of Marine Research (IMR), Bergen, for 22 years. His responsibilities included stock assessment, multispecies work, in particular in the North

Sea, work connected to the introduction of the precautionary approach in fisheries and recently, on development of harvest control rules and management strategies. He was leader of the IMR research program for population dynamics and multispecies investigations in 1996-97 and for the development of new assessment tools for North-East arctic cod in 1998-99 and the assessment package TASACS in 2007-08. In addition, he has developed several programs for simulating harvest control rules that are commonly used in fisheries management today. Within ICES, he has participated in a wide range of working groups, fishery reviews and been chairman of several of them, including the Study Group of Management Strategies. He was chairman of the Resource Management Committee for 3 years and member of ACFM for 7 years.

For further information on the assessment, please visit:

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