



**FAO Based Responsible Fisheries Management Certification**

**Notice of Site Visit Confirmation & Site Visit Plan (Full Assessment)**

August 2012

**U.S. Alaska Pacific Cod Commercial Fisheries**

Dear Randy Rice

This letter is to announce the Consultation Meetings (as confirmed with the various management organizations) for the purposes of on-site assessment of the U.S. Alaska Pacific Cod Commercial Fisheries to the FAO-Based Responsible Fisheries Management Certification Programme.

The fisheries that are subject to the assessment include:

<b>*Unit of Certification</b>				
<b>Proposed Unit of Certification</b>		<b>U.S. Alaska Pacific Cod Commercial Fisheries</b>		
	<b>Fish Species (Common &amp; Scientific Name)</b>	<b>Geographical Location of Fishery</b>	<b>Gear Type</b>	<b>Principal Management Authority</b>
1.	Pacific cod, <i>Gadus macrocephalus</i>	Gulf of Alaska, Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	Trawl; Longline; Pot; Jig.	National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)  North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC)  Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) &  Board of Fisheries (BOF)

\*The Assessment Units are investigated during the initial assessment and validation stages

The site visit will be for the assessment stage in the certification process. The assessment will be against the 1995 UN FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and the 2005/2009 FAO Guidelines for the Eco-labeling of products from marine capture fisheries. An agenda of the meeting is enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

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## Alaska Pacific Cod FAO-RFM Assessment

### Meetings Agenda

Date	Organisation	Staff Represented.
National Marine Fisheries Service (Alaska Regional Office), Seattle WA.	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2012 (to be confirmed).	Glenn Merrill
Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, Seattle, WA.	9.00 am Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2012	Ray Riutta, Randy Rice
United Fishermen of Alaska, Juneau, AK	2.00 pm, Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2012	Mark Vinsel
Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Juneau, AK	9.30 am Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2012	Several.
US Coast Guard, Juneau, AK	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2012 (to be confirmed)	Lt Kenne
Alaska Wildlife Troopers, Juneau, AK	2.00 pm, Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2012	Lt Hall
National Pacific Fisheries Management Council, Anchorage, AK	9.30, Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2012	Chris Oliver, David Witherell, Jane DiCosimo
Alaska Seafood Representative, Seattle, WA	9.00 am Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2012 (to be confirmed)	Jason Anderson
Groundfish Forum, Seattle, WA	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2012 (to be confirmed)	Lori Swanson