



## **FAO Based Responsible Fisheries Management Certification**

### **Confirmation of Assessment Team Members**

September 2010

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

Fishery: **US Alaska Salmon Fisheries**

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

#### **Stephen Grabacki (Assessor)**

Stephen Grabacki, FP-C, holds a Master of Science degree in Fisheries Biology from University of Alaska Fairbanks. He is a Certified Fisheries Professional, in the American Fisheries Society. Steve has 32 years of experience in Alaska's fisheries as a consultant providing technical services in fisheries biology, fishery management, and seafood quality. As Adjunct Professor at University of Alaska Anchorage, Steve has taught courses in Fisheries Management and Seafood Logistics. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Alaska SeaLife Center, and is a member of the Export Council of Alaska.

#### **Dr. William Smoker (Assessor)**

Bill Smoker is an Alaskan salmon biologist. His research is on local adaptation of salmon and on genetic and environmental interactions of hatchery and wild salmon; he's author or co author of more than 50 peer-reviewed scientific papers on salmon biology. He retired in '09 from University of Alaska Fairbanks where he was Director of Fisheries and now holds the rank of Emeritus Professor.

He's a reviewer for the NW Power and Conservation Council in Portland and formerly a founding member of the Hatchery Scientific Review Group in Washington. He earned his BA (Biology) at Carleton College, and his MS (Oceanography) and PhD (Fisheries) at Oregon State University.

#### **Rolland Holmes (Assessor)**

After receiving a master's degree from the University of Alaska in Fisheries Management, Rocky Holmes spent his entire career with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. He began his career as a research biologist working on Arctic grayling population dynamics and management and continued as the Research Coordinator for the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwin Region of the Division of

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Sport Fish. After the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill in 1989, Mr. Holmes worked as the fishery program manager for the Oil Spill Division, before moving back to the Division of Sport Fish as the Deputy Director and later as the Regional Supervisor for the Southeast Region. Mr. Holmes' career provided him with a broad background in research and management issues, especially related to salmon in Southeast Alaska.

**Steven McGee (Assessor)**

Steve McGee received a B.Sc. in biological sciences from the University of Alaska in 1975 and an M.Sc. in parasitological from the University of Saskatchewan in 1978. He worked as a marine research assistant for the Institute of Marine Science in Fairbanks Alaska from 1979 to 1982, after which he went to work for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game FRED Division as a fishery biologist. Mr. McGee then spent 22 years with ADF&G as the fishery biologist responsible for the private non-profit hatchery program. He supervised eight employees and managed a budget of approximately \$0.5 million annually. Major duties included review of all new hatchery permit applications and hatchery management plans, collection and analysis of hatchery production data, and supervision of the state's mariculture program. From 2004 to 2006, Mr. McGee served as an invasive species biologist in the ADF&G invasive species program investigating invasive species infestations and analyzing large vessel arrivals and ballast water discharge in Alaska as a possible mechanism for introducing invasive species to Alaska.

**Deirdre Hoare (Assessor)**

Deirdre has a BSc. and MSc. in Marine Zoology. She has worked in fisheries stock assessment as an observer on international projects in NAFO and Ireland. For the last 5 years she worked as a Fisheries Assessment Analyst and as a Scientific and Technical Officer for the Marine Institute in Ireland. This work involved fisheries research and stock assessment for ICES working groups. The work also involved coordination and management of a Fisher Self sampling program in the Irish Sea, with particular emphasis on spatial and temporal discard measurement tools.

**Dave Garforth ( Lead Assessor)**

Dave Garforth, BSC, HDip. (Applied Science), MSC has been involved in fisheries and aquatic resources for over 20 years. Currently, managing Global Trust FAO based Fishery Certification Program, with experience in the application of ISO 65 based seafood certification systems and a professional background in numerous fishery assessments. Previous professional background includes; Development Officer in the Irish Sea Fisheries Board, supply chain and trade experience at Pan European Fish Auctions, the control and enforcement of fisheries regulations as a UK Fishery Officer. Dave is also a lead, third party IRCA approved auditor.

For further information on the assessment, please visit:

<http://sustainability.alaskaseafood.org/salmon-certification>

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