

FAO-Based Responsible Fisheries Management Programme

Site Visit Confirmation & Site Visit Plan

Full Assessment Stage

Fishery Name: Alaska Flatfish complex (BSAI and GOA)

August 2013

Dear Randy Rice,

This letter is to substantiate the full assessment Consultation Meetings (as confirmed with the various management organizations) for the purposes of on-site assessment of the **Alaska Flatfish complex (BSAI and GOA)** to the FAO-Based Responsible Fisheries Management Certification Programme.

The fisheries that are subject to the assessment include:

	Fish Species (Common & Scientific Name)	Geographical Location of Fishery	Gear Type	Principal Management Authority
1.	Alaska plaice, <i>Pleuronectes quadrituberculatus</i>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	Non-pelagic Trawl	NOAA NMFS Alaska, NPFMC
2.	Arrowtooth flounder, <i>Atheresthes stomias</i>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	Non-pelagic Trawl	NOAA NMFS Alaska, NPFMC
3.	Flathead sole, <i>Hippoglossoides elassodon</i>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	Non-pelagic Trawl	NOAA NMFS Alaska, NPFMC
4.	Greenland turbot, <i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	Non-pelagic Trawl, Longline	NOAA NMFS Alaska, NPFMC
5.	Kamchatka flounder, <i>Atheresthes evermanni</i>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	Non-pelagic Trawl	NOAA NMFS Alaska, NPFMC
6.	Northern rock sole, <i>Lepidopsetta polyxstra</i>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	Non-pelagic Trawl	NOAA NMFS Alaska, NPFMC
7.	Yellowfin sole, <i>Limanda aspera</i>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	Non-pelagic Trawl	NOAA NMFS Alaska, NPFMC
8.	Arrowtooth flounder, <i>Atheresthes stomias</i>	Gulf of Alaska	Non-pelagic Trawl	NOAA NMFS Alaska, NPFMC
9.	Flathead sole, <i>Hippoglossoides elassodon</i>	Gulf of Alaska	Non-pelagic Trawl	NOAA NMFS Alaska, NPFMC
10.	Northern rock sole, <i>Lepidopsetta polyxstra</i>	Gulf of Alaska	Non-pelagic Trawl	NOAA NMFS Alaska, NPFMC
11.	Southern rock sole, <i>Lepidopsetta bilineatus</i>	Gulf of Alaska	Non-pelagic Trawl	NOAA NMFS Alaska, NPFMC
12.	Rex sole, <i>Glyptocephalus zachirus</i>	Gulf of Alaska	Non-pelagic Trawl	NOAA NMFS Alaska, NPFMC

*Note that the Assessment Units are investigated during the validation assessment stage.

The site visit will be for full assessment assessment purposes, the second stage in the assessment process for certification purposes. The assessment will be against the requirements of the FAO RFM certification programme. An agenda of the meeting is enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

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Alaska (BSAI and GOA) Flatfish complex FAO-RFM Assessment

Full Assessment Meetings Agenda

Date	Organization	Staff Represented
09th September 2013, 11.00 am	Groundfish Forum, Seattle	Jason Anderson and John Gauvin
10th September 2013, all day	Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Seattle	Joint Groundfish Plan Teams
11th September 2013, all day	Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Seattle	Joint Groundfish Plan Teams
12th September 2013, all day	Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Seattle	Joint Groundfish Plan Teams
13th September 2013, until 02.00 pm	Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Seattle	Joint Groundfish Plan Teams
13th September 2013, 03.00 pm	Pacific Seafood Processor Association, Seattle	Glenn Reed