



FAO-Based Responsible Fisheries Management Programme

Site Visit Confirmation & Site Visit Plan

Surveillance Audit No. 3 (2014)

Fishery Name: US Alaska Pacific Halibut Commercial Fisheries

Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands, Gulf of Alaska

18th February 2014

Dear Randy Rice,

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

The fisheries that are subject to the assessment include:

*Unit of Certification				
US Alaska Pacific Halibut				
	Fish Species (Common & Scientific Name)	Geographical Location of Fishery	Gear Type	Principal Management Authority (ies)
1.	<i>Pacific Halibut (Hippoglossus stenolepis)</i>	Gulf of Alaska; Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands	Benthic longline	International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC or 'Council') National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS, or 'NOAA Fisheries'), Alaska Region

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

The site visit will be for surveillance assessment purposes. The assessment will be against the requirements of the FAO-Based RFM certification programme. A schedule of the meetings is enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

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Lead Assessor
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US Alaska Pacific Halibut Commercial Fisheries FAO-Based RFM Assessment

3rd Surveillance Audit (March 2014) - Meetings Schedule

Date	Time	Organization	City/Town	Staff Representative
3 rd of March 2014	9.30 am	International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC)	Seattle, WA	Bruce Leaman Gregg Williams
6 th of March 2014	2.00 pm	US Coast Guard	Juneau, Alaska	Lt Kenne
7 th of March 2014	1.00 pm	Alaska Wildlife Troopers	Juneau, Alaska	Lt Streifel
11 th of March 2014	2.30 pm	Alaska Wildlife Troopers	Kodiak, Alaska	Lt Ellis

Interested parties who wish to submit valuable objective information relevant to the fishery in question can consult with the assessment team before, during or after the site visit using the on-line facility at the ASMI website:

<http://sustainability.alaskaseafood.org/stakeholder-involvement#submission> or by contacting the following person in Global Trust: vito.romito@saiglobal.com