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

### **Notice of Assessment Team Nomination**

**Application submitted by: The Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute**

#### **On Behalf of The Alaska Pacific Salmon Commercial Fisheries**

Based on the technical expertise required to carry out the above fishery assessment, Global Trust Certification Ltd., is pleased to confirm the 2nd Surveillance assessment team members for the fishery as follows:

##### **Steven McGee (Assessor)**

Steve McGee received a B.Sc. in biological sciences from the University of Alaska in 1975 and an M.Sc. in parasitology 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.

##### **Al Cass (Assessor)**

Al Cass is a retired fisheries biologist with a 35 year career with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). His area of expertise is stock assessment, population dynamics and management. Mr. Cass holds a BSc. in Zoology from the University of British Columbia and a MSc from Royal Roads University in Management and the Environment. While at DFO his work has been diverse in nature but has had a primary focus on Pacific salmon and the impacts of fishery exploitation. He has lead stock assessment and research programmes on salmon in British Columbia, and has collaborated extensively with colleagues in DFO, academia and other non-government organizations. Most recently, Mr. Cass participated as the lead DFO scientist in the development of modeling approaches for assessing alternative harvest control rules including management reference points for Fraser River sockeye salmon. He has published over 30 scientific papers in the primary literature as well as numerous reports and research documents. Mr. Cass also headed the DFO science peer-review process from 2002 to 2009. Before retirement Mr. Cass was the science representative on the DFO Team assigned to the Commission of Inquiry into the Decline of Sockeye Salmon in the Fraser River.

**Vito Ciccia Romito (Lead Assessor)**

Vito Ciccia Romito holds a BSc in Ecology and an MSc in Tropical Coastal Management (Newcastle University, United Kingdom). His BSc studies focused on bycatch, discards, benthic impact of commercial fishing gear and relative technical solutions, after which he spent a year in Tanzania as a Marine Research officer at Mafia Island Marine Park carrying out biodiversity assessments and monitoring studies of coral reef, mangrove and seagrass ecosystems. Subsequently, for his MSc, he worked on fisheries assessment techniques, ecological dynamics of overexploited tropical marine ecosystems, and evaluation of low trophic aquaculture as a support to artisanal reef fisheries. Since 2010, he has been fully involved through Global Trust with the FAO-based RFM Assessment and Certification program covering the Alaska commercial salmon, halibut, sablefish, Pollock, crab and cod fisheries as well Icelandic Cod, Saithe, Haddock and Redfish fisheries. Vito is also a lead, third party IRCA approved auditor.

**Dr. Geraldine Criquet (Assessor)**

Géraldine Criquet holds a PhD in Marine Ecology (École Pratique des Hautes Études, France) which focused on coral reef fisheries management, Marine Protected Areas and fish ecology. She has also been involved during 2 years in stock assessments of pelagic resources in the Biscay Gulf, collaborating with IFREMER. She worked 2 years for the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD) at Reunion Island for studying fish target species growth and connectivity between fish populations in the Indian Ocean using otolith analysis. She served as Consultant for FAO on a Mediterranean Fisheries Program (COPEMED) and developed and implemented during 2 years a monitoring program of catches and fishing effort in the Marine Natural Reserve of Cerbère-Banyuls (France). Geraldine has joined Global trust Certification in August 2012 as Fisheries Assessment Officer and is involved in FAO RFM and MSC fisheries assessments.

**Dave Garforth (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/IEC Guide 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.