



Notice on Alaska Sablefish Fishery Assessment Team

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Fishery: **U.S. Alaska Sablefish (Black cod) Commercial Fishery**

The Certification Body, Global Trust, announces the change of one member of the original Alaska Sablefish Assessment Team. The new Assessment Team member will be Mr. Steve Nelson in substitution of Dr. David Fluharty. Due to other work commitments Dr. David Fluharty can no longer take part in the assessment.

Steve Nelson (Assessor)

Steve Nelson has over 20 years experience in marine resource management and fisheries. He holds an M.S. in Estuarine Ecology from George Mason University and a B.A. in Economics from the University of Virginia. He began his career at the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program where he served as scientific program manager for 7 years at the University of Maryland. Later, he worked as Director of the Tillamook Bay National Estuary Project for 4 years while serving as extension faculty at Oregon State University. Up to 1999 he led a program as Executive Director to develop a *Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP)* for Tillamook Bay, Oregon with Oregon State University/EPA with focus on salmon conservation, habitat restoration, and water quality improvements. From 1999 for 4 years he participated in a multi-disciplinary team to develop an eco-region conservation strategy for the Russian Far East, served as the aquatic resource specialist with focus on management of salmon and sturgeon species with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and managed US Agency for International Development (USAID) projects to strengthen nature reserves and protected areas. In recent years he has conducted biodiversity assessments on Black Sea marine resources for the USAID and managed international coastal and fishery development projects (design and review projects related to marine protected areas, fisheries, and economic development). He has strong technical, management, and communication skills and a record of publications. He is also a researcher and PhD candidate at George Mason University with a focus on coastal management and fisheries.

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