

FAO Based Responsible Fisheries Management Certification

Notice of Full Assessment Team Nomination

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Application submitted by: the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute

**On Behalf of
the U.S. Alaska Flatfish (BSAI and GOA) Commercial Fisheries**

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

Jeff Fargo (Assessor)

Jeff Fargo holds a BSc from Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, Canada. He worked as a research biologist for Fisheries and Oceans Canada at the Pacific Biological Station in Nanaimo, Canada from 1978 until his retirement in 2011. He was head of the Groundfish Research Section from 2001 until his retirement. During that tenure he was responsible for directing research and stock assessment activities for groundfish species in the Pacific Region and management of the Section budget and program organisation. He was editor of the Canadian Stock Assessment Secretariat Annual Groundfish Stock Assessment Document for 10 years and has over 70 publications dealing with flatfish research and stock assessment. He has presented his research results at International Symposia and collaborated with research scientists in Europe and North America.

R.J. (Bob) Allain (Assessor)

Bob Allain is the President of Ocean IQ Management Services Inc. for the last 4 years and has a previous professional background in the management of crustacean and other fisheries through his previous employer, Fisheries and Oceans Canada. From 2001-2008 he held the position of Regional Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Management, Gulf Region in Moncton, NB where he was responsible for the integrated management of the region's commercial, aboriginal and recreational fisheries including allocation, licensing and enforcement. In this time, Integrated Fisheries Management plans for reporting, surveillance and resource conservation and management of lobster fishing were developed. During his career, he has successfully led several Canadian delegations at international technical meetings (NAFO) on surveillance and control, administration and coordinated operation of the Atlantic Fisheries Licence Appeal Board, development of the framework for a successful Atlantic Fisheries workshop in regard to aquaculture, fish habitat management and fisheries development issues and the administration and coordinated operations of the Department's fisheries management programs and services in respect of conservation and protection, fishermen's vessel insurance services, industry/client relations,

licensing, resource allocation, personnel, financial and systems management, and federal-provincial agreements.

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 Cerbere---Banyuls (France). Geraldine has joined Global Trust Certification in August 2012 as a Fisheries Assessment Officer and is involved in FAO RFM and MSC fisheries assessments.

Erica Fruh (Assessor)

Erica Fruh has been involved in commercial fisheries management for over 15 years. She earned her BSc in Marine Biology from Auburn University, and her MSc in Marine Resource Management from Oregon State University. Her MSc project focused on bycatch in trawl and longline fisheries. Previous experience includes fishery biologist roles with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission and NOAA Fisheries. She has worked with most fishing gear types used along the U.S. west coast, spending numerous days at sea participating in tagging studies, population monitoring, bycatch monitoring and fishing mortality studies. She worked as a commercial fisheries observer in the U.S. west coast groundfish trawl fishery, the Oregon pink shrimp fishery and the seine sardine fishery. She spent 10 years contributing to the National Marine Fisheries Service U.S. west coast groundfish bottom trawl survey gathering data for stock assessments, and leading projects on marine debris, seabird sightings and age structure collection. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Newport Fishermen's Wives organization to promote safety at sea.

Vito Ciccia Romito (Lead Assessor)

Vito 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 focused 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 and Pacific cod fisheries, as well as the Icelandic cod, saithe, haddock and redfish fisheries. Vito is also a lead, third party IRCA approved auditor.