

**Alaska Cod fishery**

**Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management Certification**

**Certification Body: DNV GL - Business Assurance**

**Announcement of re-assessment**

DNV GL - Business Assurance (DNV GL) is pleased to announce that Alaska cod fishery client group is entering the re-assessment process against Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) Standard.

**The unit of certification is defined as:**

Applicant Group:	Alaska Cod Fishery Client Group
Certificate No:	240498-2017-AQ-NOR-ASI
Product Common Name ( <i>Species</i> ):	Pacific cod ( <i>Gadus macrocephalus</i> )
Geographic Location:	Gulf of Alaska and Bering sea & Aleutian Islands within Alaska jurisdiction (200 nautical miles EEZ).
Gear Types:	Bottom trawl, Longline, Pot and Jig gear
Principal Management Authority:	National Marine Fisheries Service; North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Alaska Department of Fish and Game; Alaska Board of Fisheries

The client responsible for coordination of re-assessment for this fishery is the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation (AFDF). The re-assessment will be conducted in accordance with Alaska RFM Standard version 1.3 available at: [http://www.alaskaseafood.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/RFM-Standard-V1.3\\_MAY2016.pdf](http://www.alaskaseafood.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/RFM-Standard-V1.3_MAY2016.pdf)

**Projected timeline:**

Re-assessment is estimated to take approximately 7 months. Expected certificate award date is 6 December 2017. Further information regarding the re-assessment process would be available at ASMI's website <http://www.alaskaseafood.org>.

2017-05-16:	Announcement of re-assessment
2017-06-22/29:	On-site audit
2017-08-15:	The Full Assessment Report
2017-09-01:	Peer Review
2017-10-01:	The Public Comment Full Assessment Report
2017-12-01:	Final Assessment Report and certification decision

**Nominated assessment team:**

<b>Anna Kiseleva</b> DNV GL Lead Assessor:	Anna is a senior assessor and a Global service responsible for MSC Fisheries and RFM certification schemes at DNV GL Business Assurance. She holds MSc degree in International fisheries management from the University of Tromsø and MSc degree in Business Management from Murmansk State Technical University. She has over 10 years of experience in the global seafood industry incl.
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assessment services, consultancy and project management. She is an experienced project management with proven ability to lead cross-disciplinary teams. She has been involved in the delivery of the Fisheries assessment services since 2008.

**Andrew Hough**

Main area of responsibility  
Fundamental clause F (Serious Impacts of the  
Fishery on the Ecosystem):

Following three years PhD research on crustacean ecology, Andy has worked in the field of marine research and management for over twenty years, including marine conservation biology, fishery impacts on marine ecosystems, marine and coastal environmental impact assessment and policy development.

Andrew has been active in the development of Marine Stewardship Council certification since 1997, when involved in the pre-assessment of the Thames herring fishery. He was a founding Director of Moody Marine and led the establishment of Moody Marine fishery certification systems. He has also worked with MSC on several specific development projects, including those concerned with the certification of small scale/data deficient fisheries. He has been Lead Assessor on many fishery assessments to date. This has included Groundfish (e.g. cod, haddock, pollock, hoki, hake, flatfish), Pelagics (e.g. tuna species, herring, mackerel, sprat, krill, sardine) and shellfish (molluscs and crustacea); included evaluation of the environmental effects of all main gear types and considered many fishery administrations including the North Atlantic, South Atlantic, Pacific, Southern Ocean and in Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand, Japan, China, Vietnam and Pacific Islands. He has recently acted solely as an expert team member of Principle 2 inputs of European inshore fisheries and Falkland Islands Toothfish. Andrew has also been involved in the development of certification schemes for individual vessels (Responsible Fishing Scheme) and evaluation of the Marine Aquarium Council standards for trade in ornamental aquarium marine species. Consultancy services have included policy advice to the Association of Sustainable Fisheries, particularly with regard to the implications of MSC standard development, and assistance to fisheries preparing for, or engaged in, MSC assessment.

**William (Bill) Brodie**

Main area of responsibility  
Fundamental clause B (Science and Stock  
Assessment activities) and C (The precautionary

Bill Brodie is an independent fisheries consultant with previously, a 36-year career with Science Branch of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO, Newfoundland and Labrador



approach) and D (Management measures): Region). He has a BSc in Biology from Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador. For the last twelve years with DFO he worked as Senior Science Coordinator/Advisor on Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) issues, serving as chair of the Scientific Council of NAFO and chairing 3 of its standing committees. As a stock assessment biologist, he led assessments and surveys for several flatfish species and stocks, including American plaice, Greenland halibut, yellowtail and witch flounders. These include the largest stocks of flatfish in the NW Atlantic. He also participated in assessments of flatfish, gadoid, and shrimp stocks in the NE Atlantic and North Sea. Bill has participated in over 30 scientific research vessel surveys on various Canadian and international ships, and he has over 200 publications in the scientific and technical literature, primarily on flatfish stock assessment. He has been involved with fishery managers and the fishing industry on a variety of issues, including identification of ecologically sensitive areas, and developing rebuilding plans for groundfish under a Precautionary Approach. Since retirement from DFO, Bill has been contracted to serve as an assessor on several FAO-based Responsible Fisheries Management certification assessment and surveillance audits for Alaskan stocks including Pacific cod, halibut, sablefish, pollock, and flatfish. He has also provided peer review for an MSC certification assessment for a redfish stock in the Grand Banks area.

**Paul Knapman**

Main area of responsibility  
Fundamental clause A (The Fisheries  
Management System) and E (Implementation  
monitoring and control):

Paul is an independent consultant based in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Paul began his career in fisheries more than 30 years ago as a fisheries officer in the UK, responsible for the enforcement of UK and EU fisheries regulations. He then joined the UK government's nature conservation advisors, establishing and managing their marine fisheries programme. He developed an extensive programme of work with fisheries managers, scientists, the fishing industry and ENGOS to integrate national and European fisheries and nature conservation requirements. He also helped lead a national four year project contributing to the 2002 review of the Common Fisheries Policy. He then became Head of the largest inshore fisheries management organisation in England, with responsibility for managing an extensive area of inshore fisheries on the North Sea coast. The organisations responsibilities and roles included: stock assessments; habitat


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monitoring; setting and ensuring compliance with total allowable catches and quotas; establishing and applying regional fisheries regulations; the development and implementation of fisheries management plans; the lead authority for the largest marine protected area in England. In 2004, Paul moved to Canada and established his own consultancy providing analysis, advisory and developmental work on fisheries management policy in Canada and Europe. He drafted the first management plan for one of Canada's marine protected areas, undertook an extensive review on IUU fishing in the Baltic Sea and was appointed as rapporteur to the European Commission's Baltic Sea Regional Advisory Council. In 2008, Paul joined Moody Marine as their Americas Regional Manager, responsible for managing and developing their regional MSC business. He became General Manager of the business in 2012. Paul has been involved as a lead assessor, team member and technical advisor/reviewer for more than 50 different fisheries. Paul returned to consultancy in 2015.

### Stakeholder registration

DNV GL seeks to solicit stakeholder input from all organizations or individuals with a direct interest in this fishery. Anyone wishing to provide comments or information to the re-assessment process (in terms of the status of the stocks, ecosystem interactions or fishery management practices, other) is invited to contact DNV GL and register as stakeholder. Recommendations of new stakeholders are also welcome.

Registered stakeholders will be consulted during the re-assessment and will be sent the draft report when 30-day comment period begins.

**If you would like to be registered as a stakeholder, please advise us of your interest by 5 PM CET on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017**, giving the following details:

1. Name and company, together with contact information;
2. Your association with the fishery;
3. The issues you would like to discuss
4. Suitable venue and time for a meeting (if you would like to meet with the assessment team).

### Site-audit plan:

A key purpose of the site visit is to collect information and to speak to stakeholders with an interest in the fishery. Proposed stakeholder consultancy plan is outlined below.

Alaska (Juneau and/or Anchorage),  
22-25 June 2017:

Stakeholders to be consulted:

- North Pacific Fisheries Management Council
- Science and Statistical Committee, Advisory Panel and Council
- Coast Guard
- Office of law enforcement
- RAM (Restricted access management division)



Seattle,  
26-28 June 2017:

Stakeholders to be consulted:

- Alaska Fisheries Science Centre
- Office of Observer Programme
- Pollock client group
- Cod client group (AFDF)

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