

**Alaska Flatfish Complex fishery**  
**Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management Certification**  
**Certification Body: DNV GL - Business Assurance**  
**Announcement of annual surveillance**

DNV GL - Business Assurance (DNV GL) is pleased to announce the 4<sup>th</sup> annual surveillance for the Alaska flatfish complex fishery client group against Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) Standard. The objective of the surveillance audit is to confirm the conformance of the fishery with the RFM standard by collecting and reviewing up-dates and changes from the previous year. The surveillance would be conducted off-site.

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

Applicant Group:	Alaska Seafood Cooperative
Certificate No:	209971-2016-AQ-NOR-ASI
Product Common Name ( <i>Species</i> ):	Alaska plaice ( <i>Pleuronectes quadrituberculatus</i> ) BSAI Arrowtooth flounder ( <i>Atheresthes stomias</i> ) BSAI & GOA Flathead sole ( <i>Hippoglossoides elassodon</i> ) BSAI & GOA Greenland turbot ( <i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i> ) BSAI Kamchatka flounder ( <i>Atheresthes evermanni</i> ) BSAI Northern rock sole ( <i>Lepidopsetta polyxstra</i> ) BSAI & GOA Yellowfin sole ( <i>Limanda aspera</i> ) BSAI Southern rock sole ( <i>Lepidopsetta bilineatus</i> ) GOA Rex sole ( <i>Glyptocephalus zachirus</i> ) GOA
Geographic Location	Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and Bering sea & Aleutian Islands (BSAI) 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; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

The client responsible for coordination of surveillance activities for this fishery is the Alaska Seafood Cooperative. The annual surveillance 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:**

Surveillance is estimated to take approximately 1.5 month. Further information regarding this fishery is available at ASMI's website <http://www.alaskaseafood.org>.

2019-01-11: Announcement of surveillance

2019-01-12/31: Of-site audit/desktop document review

Assessment/review activities will include (but not limited to) following:

- review of changes to the stock status;
- review of changes in the management systems;
- review of changes or additions / deletions to regulations;
- review of any personnel changes in scientific staff, key management or industry to evaluate impact on the management of the fishery;
- review of any potential changes to the scientific basis of information;
- review of changes regarding impacts of the fishery on the ecosystem

2019-02-31: Surveillance Report

**Nominated assessment team:**

**Anna Kiseleva** Anna is a senior assessor and a Global service responsible for DNV GL Lead Assessor: 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 15 years of experience in the global seafood industry incl. 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** 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.

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

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** 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 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

Main area of responsibility: Fundamental clause B (Science and Stock Assessment activities), C (The precautionary approach), D (Management measures), A (The Fisheries Management System) and E (Implementation monitoring and control)



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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.

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