

## Alaska Pollock 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 3<sup>rd</sup> annual surveillance for the Alaska pollock 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 Pollock Fishery Client Group
Certificate No:	210937-2017-AQ-NOR
Product Common Name ( <i>Species</i> ):	Alaska Pollock ( <i>Gadus chalcogrammus</i> )
Geographic Location:	Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) within Alaska jurisdiction (200 nautical miles EEZ).
Gear Types:	Pelagic Trawl (main), other gears (bottom trawl, jig, longline, pot) from other non-directed pollock fisheries legally landing pollock
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 surveillance activities for this fishery is the Alaska Pollock Fishery Client Group. The Alaska Pollock Fishery Client Group (APFCG) is the Pacific Seafood Processors Association ([www.pspafish.net](http://www.pspafish.net)), the At-sea Processors Association ([www.atsea.org](http://www.atsea.org)), and the Alaska Groundfish Data Bank. These three organizations represent the pollock fisheries of the BSAI and GOA. 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 months. Further information regarding this fishery is available at ASMI's website: <http://www.alaskaseafood.org>.

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1/11/2021: Surveillance announced

2/15/2021: Off-site audit/desktop document review commences

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

3/31/2021: Surveillance report submitted

**Nominated assessment team:**

**Jodi Bostrom** Jodi Bostrom is a senior assessor and team leader for MSC DNV GL Lead Assessor and Fisheries at DNV GL Business Assurance. She earned an M.Sc. in main area of responsibility Environmental Science from American University and a B.Sc. in Fundamental clause F Zoology from the University of Wisconsin. She has over four years (Serious Impacts of the of experience in MSC fisheries assessment services. Prior to that, Fishery on the Ecosystem): she worked for five years at the MSC as a Senior Fisheries Assessment Manager. Among other things, she developed the MSC's benthic habitats policy and the Consequence Spatial Analysis (a risk-based framework for assessing habitat impacts in data-deficient situations) as part of the MSC Standard revision. Prior to the MSC, Jodi spent 11 years with the US National Academy of Sciences' Ocean Studies Board where she worked on various projects from fisheries management and policy to bycatch and dredging impacts to eutrophication and sea level rise.

**Giuseppe Scarcella** Giuseppe Scarcella is an experienced fishery scientist and Main areas of responsibility population analyst and modeller, with wide knowledge and Fundamental clause A (The experience in the assessment of demersal stocks. He holds a first Fisheries Management degree in Marine Biology and Oceanography (110/110) from the System), B (Science and Università Politecnica delle Marche, and a Ph.D. in marine Ecology and Stock Assessment activities), and Biology from the same university, based on a thesis "Age and C (The precautionary growth of two rockfish in the Adriatic Sea". After his degree he approach), D (Management was offered a job as project scientist in several research programs about the structure and composition of fish assemblage and E (Implementation monitoring in artificial reefs, off-shore platform and other artificial habitats and control): in the Italian Research Council – Institute of Marine Science of Ancona (CNR-ISMAR). During the years of employment at CNR-ISMAR he has gained experience in benthic ecology, statistical analyses of fish assemblages evolution in artificial habitats, fisheries ecology and impacts of fishing activities, stock assessment, otholith analysis, population dynamic and fisheries management. During the same years he attended courses of uni-multivariate statistics and stock assessment. He is also actively participating in the scientific advice process of FAO GFCM in the Mediterranean Sea. At the moment he is member of the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries for the European Commission (STECF). He is author and co-author of more than 30 scientific paper peer reviewed journals and more than 150 national and international technical reports, most of them focused on the evolution of fish assemblages in artificial habitats and stock assessment of demersal species.

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