

Responsible Fisheries Management Announcement of Public Comment Report

ALASKA PACIFIC COD FISHERY

Certification Body Assessment Team Fishery Client Assessment Type Date DNV Business Assurance USA Jodi Bostrom, Giuseppe Scarcella, Paul Knapman Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation Second Reassessment 12/19/2022



DNV is pleased to announce that the Public Comment Report on the reassessment of the RFM certification of the Alaska Pacific cod fishery is now available for comments by stakeholders for a period of 30 days.

The scope of certification is:

Applicant Group: Alaska Cod Fishery Client Group

Product Common Name (Species): Pacific cod (*Gadus macrocephalus*) **Geographic Location:** GOA and BSAI within Alaska jurisdiction (200 nm EEZ)

Gear Types: Bottom trawl, longline, pot, and jig gears

Principal Management Authority: Federal (NMFS and the Council) and state (ADFG and BOF)

Stakeholders are invited to comment on the factual contents of the report, either in relation to the specific sections of the report or specific scoring rationales or indicators. Comments should be clearly related to specific report sections or scoring rationales or indicators. Any recommendations or criticisms should be supported with data or literature citations so that the assessment team can evaluate these comments.

Following receipt of comments from stakeholders, DNV will consider all available information and make a determination on whether the fishery should be certified. Following this determination, the final report will be made available.

The report is available at the CSC website: https://rfmcertification.org/certified-fishery-species/alaska-cod/

Comments on the report should be forwarded before 5 PM PST on January 19, 2023.

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