



# FAO-Based Responsible Fisheries Management Program

## Notice of Surveillance and Site Visit Activities

### Alaska Sablefish (state & federal) Commercial Fisheries 3<sup>rd</sup> Surveillance, 2014

September 2014

Dear Mike Cern,

This letter is to substantiate the beginning of the 3rd surveillance activities for the Alaska sablefish (black cod) state and federal commercial fisheries as certified the October 11<sup>th</sup> 2011 against the FAO-Based Responsible Fisheries Management Program, and the relative proposed site visits for the purpose of fishery surveillance. In this respect, we also like to verify and confirm with you if there have been any known updates and changes in the management of the fishery and if so, would there be documentation and/or reports availability for our consideration.

The proposed Units of Assessment within the Unit of Certification are listed below.

Unit of Certification			
U.S. ALASKA SABLEFISH (Black Cod) COMMERCIAL FISHERIES			
Fish Species (Common & Scientific Name)	Geographical Location of Fishery	Gear Type	Principal Management Authority
Sablefish (black-cod) <i>Anoplopoma fimbria</i>	Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands.	Benthic longline, Pot, Bottom Trawl.	National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS);  North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC);  Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) & Board of Fisheries (BOF).

Please find the proposed site visits agenda attached.

Yours sincerely,

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## Site Visit Timetable

Organization	Time, day and location	Specific items at the NPFMC meetings
North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC)	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> of October 2014, Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, AK, USA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C1 Observer Deployment Plan</li> <li>• C2 Electronic Monitoring (EM) Study Design</li> </ul>
North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC)	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> of October 2014, Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, AK, USA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C4 Groundfish Specifications (including sablefish)</li> <li>• C5 GOA Skate MRA</li> <li>• Enforcement Committee presentation</li> </ul>
North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC)	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> of October 2014, Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, AK, USA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D4 Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP)</li> <li>• D5 EFH 5 year Review</li> <li>• C6 MRA Enforcement</li> <li>• C7 GOA Trawl Bycatch Management</li> <li>• SSL Critical Habitat Workshop</li> </ul>
North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC)	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> of October 2014, Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, AK, USA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C7 GOA Trawl Bycatch Management continued</li> <li>• C4 Groundfish Specs</li> </ul>
North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC)	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> of October 2014, Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, AK, USA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C5 GOA Skate MRA</li> <li>• C6 MRA Enforcement</li> <li>• D4 Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP)</li> </ul>