



FAO Based Responsible Fisheries Management Certification

Confirmation of Assessment Team Members

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Application submitted by: **Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, Juneau Alaska**

Fishery: **US Alaska Pacific Halibut Fisheries**

Based on the technical expertise required to carry out the above fishery assessment, Global Trust Certification Ltd. is pleased to confirm the assessment team members for this fishery as follows.

Herman Savikko (Assessor)

Herman Savikko holds a degree in Biological Sciences and began his career in fisheries in 1975, working seasonally each year for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in remote locations, including four Bristol Bay river systems and the Karluk River on Kodiak Island. He worked for the National Marine Fisheries Service at their Auke Bay Biological Laboratory and then returned to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, working for the Divisions of Sport Fish, Fisheries Rehabilitation, Enhancement and Development, and the Division of Commercial Fisheries where he completed a 30-year state career.

Responsibilities were in freshwater and marine species management, research, and policy development. Fisheries were those comprised under a Federal Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) including Bering Sea/Aleutian Island crab, federal groundfish in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska, state-wide scallops, and Southeast Alaska troll salmon. State regulatory procedure was handled through participation in the Alaska Board of Fisheries process for groundfish (e.g., parallel and state managed Pacific cod issues, sablefish limited entry issues, rockfish bycatch concerns), federal FMP species removals, season and gear determinations, and shellfish issues (e.g., category 2 and 3 management measures as identified under the BSAI Crab FMP).

Activities included: changes to the fishery observer programs, both in review of electronic and onboard biological staff attributes; establishing protected waters under a provision to describe and identify essential fish habitat (EFH) for FMP fisheries, for the purpose of minimizing the extent of practicable adverse habitat effects caused by fishing; and identifying other actions to encourage the conservation and enhancement of fish habitat. He attended all North Pacific Fishery Management Council meetings, as well as the Alaska Board of Fisheries meetings on crab and groundfish.

Prepared and delivered the state's report (oral and written) at each Council meeting (Agenda "B" reports) and answered questions from Council members, NPFMC staff, NMFS staff, the Alaska Board of Fisheries and the public on the department's position and policies with regard to crab, scallops, Pacific cod and other species. During his career he worked for eight governors, seven commissioners, and twelve different directors.

Dave Fluharty (Assessor)

David Fluharty is an Associate Professor [WOT] School of Marine Affairs and Wakefield Professor of Ocean and Fishery Sciences, University of Washington where he has been employed since 1976. His doctoral degree is from the University of Michigan, School of Natural Resources in the interdisciplinary field of Natural Resource Conservation and Planning.

His research and teaching interests are in natural resource policy and management at national and international levels, ecosystem approaches for management of marine resources, watersheds, coastal zones, fisheries, marine protected areas, and regional effects of global climate change. Significant professional activities include: Chair, NOAA Science Advisory Board 2006-2010; Chair, External Ecosystem Research Team for NOAA-wide Ecosystem Science and Research 2005-2007; Advisor of National Center for Ecosystem Analysis and Synthesis [NCEAS] study groups on Marine Protected Areas, Models for Fisheries Ecosystems 2002-2005, and Ecosystem Management Feasibility in Tropical Areas 2006-2009; Member, North Pacific Fishery Management Council 1994-2003 with specific experience in the management of Alaska sablefish fisheries.

Steve Grabacki (Assessor)

Stephen Grabacki, FP-C, holds a Master of Science degree in Fisheries Biology from University of Alaska Fairbanks. He is a Certified Fisheries Professional, in the American Fisheries Society. Steve has 32 years of experience in Alaska's fisheries. He is President of GRAYSTAR Pacific Seafood, Ltd., a consulting company which provides technical services in fisheries biology, fishery management, and seafood quality. As Adjunct Professor at University of Alaska Anchorage, Steve has taught courses in Fisheries Management and Seafood Logistics. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Alaska SeaLife Center, and is a member of the Export Council of Alaska.

Dave Garforth (Lead Assessor)

Dave Garforth, BSC, HDip. (Applied Fishery Science), MSC (Aquatic Resources) has been involved in fisheries for over 20 years. Currently, managing Global Trust FAO based Fishery Certification Program, with experience in the application of ISO 65 based seafood certification systems and a professional background in numerous fishery assessments. Previous professional background includes: Resource Development Officer in the Irish Sea Fisheries Board, supply chain and trade experience at Pan European Fish Auctions, the enforcement of sea fishery regulations as a UK Fishery Officer for groundfish and pelagic fisheries in the North Sea and NE Atlantic. Dave is also a lead IRCA approved auditor, seafood safety specialist.

For further information on the assessment, please visit:

<http://sustainability.alaskaseafood.org/halibut-certification>
