

FAO-Based Responsible Fisheries Management Programme

Site Visit Confirmation & Site Visit Plan

Full Assessment Stage

Fishery Name: Alaska Crab Commercial Fisheries

December 2011

Dear Randy Rice,

This letter is to substantiate the Initial Consultation Meetings (as confirmed with the various management organizations) for the purposes of on-site assessment of the Alaska Crab Commercial Fisheries to the FAO-Based Responsible Fisheries Management Certification Programme.

The fisheries that are subject to the assessment include:

	Fish Species (Common & Scientific Name)	Geographical Location of Fishery	Gear Type	Principal Management Authority
1.	Red King Crab <i>(Paralithodes camtschaticus)</i>	Bristol Bay	Pot	National Marine Fisheries Service Alaska Region & North Pacific Fisheries Management Council
2.	Snow Crab <i>(Chionoecetes opilio)</i>	Eastern Bering Sea	Pot	In connection with Alaska Department of Fish and Game & Alaska Board of Fisheries
3.	Blue King Crab <i>(Paralithodes platypus)</i>	St Matthew	Pot	

*The Assessment Units are investigated during the initial assessment and validation stages

The site visit will be for full assessment purposes, the second stage in the assessment process for certification purposes. The assessment will be against the 1995 UN FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and the 2005/2009 FAO Guidelines for the Eco-labeling of products from marine capture fisheries. An agenda of the meeting is enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

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Alaska Crab FAO-RFM Assessment

Full Assessment Stage Meetings Agenda

Date	Organization	Staff Represented
17 th Jan 2012	Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Seattle. U.S.A	Jack Turnock (Snow crab assessment) Lou Rugolo (Tanner crab assessment)
18 th Jan 2012	Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Juneau. Alaska. U.S.A	Jie Zheng (Bristol Bay red king crab and Norton Sound red king crab assessment) Doug Pengilly (St. Matthew blue king crab assessment)
18 th Jan 2012	National Marine Fisheries Service, Juneau. Alaska. U.S.A	Glenn Merrill Sustainable Fisheries Division NMFS
18 th Jan 2012	Alaska Wildlife Troopers, Juneau. Alaska. U.S.A	Lt. Steven Hall AWT
19 th Jan 2012	North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, Anchorage, Alaska. U.S.A.	Dave Witherell Deputy Director NPFMC Diana Stram Plan coordinator NPFMC