

## **FAO Based Responsible Fisheries Management Certification**

### **Notice of 1<sup>st</sup> Surveillance Assessment Team Nomination**

**12<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**Application submitted by: the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute**

**On Behalf of  
the U.S. Alaska Flatfish Commercial Fisheries**

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

#### **Jeff Fargo, Assessor**

Jeff Fargo holds a BSc from Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, Canada. He worked as a research biologist for Fisheries and Oceans Canada at the Pacific Biological Station in Nanaimo, Canada from 1978 until his retirement in 2011. He was head of the Groundfish Research Section from 2001 until his retirement. During that tenure he was responsible for directing research and stock assessment activities for groundfish species in the Pacific Region and management of the Section budget and program organization. He was editor of the Canadian Stock Assessment Secretariat Annual Groundfish Stock Assessment Document for 10 years and has over 70 publications dealing with flatfish and groundfish research and stock assessment. He has presented his research results at International Symposia and collaborated with research scientists in Europe and North America.

#### **Dr. Geraldine Criquet, Assessor**

Géraldine Criquet holds a PhD in Marine Ecology (École Pratique des Hautes Études, France) which focused on coral reef fisheries management, Marine Protected Areas and fish ecology. She has also been involved during 2 years in stock assessments of pelagic resources in the Biscay Gulf, collaborating with IFREMER. She worked 2 years for the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD) at Reunion Island for studying fish target species growth and connectivity between fish populations in the Indian Ocean using otolith analysis. She served as Consultant for FAO on a Mediterranean Fisheries Program (COPEMED) and developed and implemented during 2 years a monitoring program of catches and fishing effort in the Marine Natural Reserve of Cerbère-



Banyuls (France). Geraldine has joined Global trust Certification in August 2012 as Fisheries Assessment Officer and is involved in FAO RFM and MSC fisheries assessments.

**Vito Ciccia Romito, Lead Assessor**

Vito Ciccia Romito holds a BSc in Ecology and an MSc in Tropical Coastal Management (Newcastle University, United Kingdom). His BSc studies focused on bycatch, discards, benthic impact of commercial fishing gear and relative technical solutions, after which he spent a year in Tanzania as a Marine Research officer at Mafia Island Marine Park carrying out biodiversity assessments and monitoring studies of coral reef, mangrove and seagrass ecosystems. Subsequently, for his MSc, he worked on fisheries assessment techniques, ecological dynamics of overexploited tropical marine ecosystems, and evaluation of low trophic aquaculture as a support to artisanal reef fisheries. Since 2010, he has been fully involved through Global Trust with the FAO-based RFM Assessment and Certification program covering the Alaska commercial salmon, halibut, sablefish, pollock, crab, cod and flatfish fisheries as well as the Icelandic cod, saithe, haddock and redfish fisheries. Vito is also a lead, third party IRCA approved auditor.