

FAO-Based Responsible Fisheries Management Program

Notice of Surveillance and Site Visit Activities

Alaska Flatfish Federal Fisheries 1st Surveillance (2014)

12th November 2014

Dear Alex,

This letter is to substantiate the beginning of the 1st surveillance activities for the Alaska Flatfish federal commercial fisheries as certified in December 2013 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, we would like you to advise us of documentation and/or reports availability for our consideration.

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

	Fish Species (Common & Scientific Name)	Geographical Location of Fishery	Gear Type	Principal Management Authority
1.	Yellowfin sole, <i>Limanda aspera</i>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	Non-pelagic Trawl	NOAA NMFS Alaska, NPFMC
2.	Flathead sole, <i>Hippoglossoides elassodon</i>	Gulf of Alaska, Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	Non-pelagic Trawl	NOAA NMFS Alaska, NPFMC
3.	Northern rock sole, <i>Lepidopsetta polyxstra</i>	Gulf of Alaska, Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	Non-pelagic Trawl	NOAA NMFS Alaska, NPFMC
4.	Southern rock sole, <i>Lepidopsetta bilineatus</i>	Gulf of Alaska	Non-pelagic Trawl	NOAA NMFS Alaska, NPFMC
5.	Arrowtooth flounder, <i>Atheresthes stomias</i>	Gulf of Alaska, Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	Non-pelagic Trawl	NOAA NMFS Alaska, NPFMC
6.	Kamchatka flounder, <i>Atheresthes evermanni</i>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	Non-pelagic Trawl	NOAA NMFS Alaska, NPFMC
7.	Alaska plaice, <i>Pleuronectes quadrituberculatus</i>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	Non-pelagic Trawl	NOAA NMFS Alaska, NPFMC
8.	Greenland turbot, <i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	Non-pelagic Trawl, Longline	NOAA NMFS Alaska, NPFMC
9.	Rex sole, <i>Glyptocephalus zachirus</i>	Gulf of Alaska	Non-pelagic Trawl	NOAA NMFS Alaska, NPFMC

Please find the proposed site visits agenda attached.

Yours sincerely,

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Alaska Flatfish Federal Commercial Fisheries 1st Surveillance Assessment Site Visit Timetable

Proposed Date	Organization	Public Meeting Themes
December 8 th to 12 th 2014	North Pacific Fishery Management Council, Hilton Downtown Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• VMS Discussion paper: Review• Bering Sea Salmon Bycatch: Initial Review• Observer coverage on small CPs: Discussion paper• Electronic Monitoring: Workgroup report; Discuss alternatives• Charter Halibut Management Measures for 2015: Final Action• GOA sablefish longline pots: Initial Review• Vessel IFQ Caps: Discussion paper• Pribilof canyon corals: Receive comments on range of alternatives• FMP language LLP exemption housekeeping: Initial/Final Action• Crab Workgroup report on regional delivery framework agreement• OA Skate MRA revisions: Final Action• Final BSAI and GOA Flatfish and all other groundfish harvest specifications: Approve; PT reports (w/data tables of TLAS/AM 80 catch)