

FAO Based Responsible Fisheries Management Certification

Notice of Surveillance (2nd) Assessment Team Nomination

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Application submitted by: the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute

**On Behalf of
the U.S. Alaska Sablefish 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 (2nd) assessment team members for the fishery as follows.

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

Alan Sinclair (Assessor)

Alan Sinclair recently retired from a fisheries research career with Fisheries and Oceans Canada. His research included stock assessment methods and application with a recent emphasis on management strategy evaluation through feedback loop simulation and the application of the Precautionary Approach in achieving sustainable fisheries. He studied changes in fish population demographic characteristics including growth, juvenile survival, and adult natural mortality and the implications of these changes on productivity and management reference points. He investigated geologic and oceanographic factors influencing the spatial distribution of fish species, and the influence of environmental factors on recruitment. He worked with a number of national and international fisheries organizations including the Pacific Scientific Advice Review Committee



(PSARC) chair of Groundfish Subcommittee; Canadian Atlantic Fisheries Advisory Committee (CAFSAC) chaired the Groundfish Subcommittee, the Statistics Sampling and Surveys Subcommittee; NAFO stock assessments and symposia; ICES annual science conferences, symposia and working groups; PICES annual science conference. He participated in fishery stock assessment meetings as reviewer and presenter in PSARC, CAFSAC, NAFO, ICES, and US National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panels.

Steve Nelson (Assessor)

Steve Nelson has about 25 years of experience in marine resource management and fisheries. He holds an M.S. in Estuarine Ecology from George Mason University and a B.A. in Economics from the University of Virginia. He began his career at the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program in 1990 where he served as scientific program manager for six years at the University of Maryland. Later, he worked as Director of the Tillamook Bay National Estuary Project serving as extension faculty at Oregon State University to develop a *Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP)* for Tillamook Bay with focus on salmon conservation, habitat restoration, and water quality improvements. From 1999 to 2003 he worked as a conservation planner for the World Wildlife Fund in the Russian Far East to develop ecoregion conservation strategies for the Amur River basin, Pacific coastal areas and Arctic Seas. Beginning in 2005 he worked as contractor to the US Agency for International Development conducting biodiversity assessments and managing international coastal, fishery, and river basin projects. He has worked as a contractor to Global Trust Certification since 2010 and joined the company full time in 2013. He is also a researcher and PhD candidate at George Mason University with a focus on coastal management and fisheries.

Erica Fruh (Assessor)

Erica Fruh has been involved in commercial fisheries management for over 15 years. She earned her BSc in Marine Biology from Auburn University, and her MSc in Marine Resource Management from Oregon State University. Her MSc project focused on bycatch in trawl and longline fisheries. Previous experience includes fishery biologist roles with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission and NOAA Fisheries. She has worked with most fishing gear types used along the U.S. west coast, spending numerous days at sea participating in tagging studies, population monitoring, bycatch monitoring and fishing mortality studies. She worked as a commercial fisheries observer in the U.S. west coast groundfish trawl fishery, the Oregon pink shrimp fishery and the seine sardine fishery. She spent 10 years contributing to the National Marine Fisheries Service U.S. west coast groundfish bottom trawl survey gathering data for stock assessments, and leading projects on marine debris, seabird sightings and age structure collection. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Newport Fishermen's Wives organization to promote safety at sea.

Vito Ciccia Romito (Lead Assessor)

Vito 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 focused 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 and pollock fisheries, as well as the Icelandic cod, saithe, haddock and redfish fisheries. Vito is also a lead, third party IRCA approved auditor.