



FAO Based Responsible Fisheries Management Certification

Notice of Surveillance Assessment Team Members Nomination

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Application submitted by: **Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, Juneau Alaska**
Fishery: **US Alaska Pacific Salmon Commercial Fisheries (Statewide, all gears)**

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 this fishery as follows.

Herman Savikko

Herman Savikko has a degree in Biological Sciences and began his career in fisheries in 1975, working seasonally for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in remote locations, including four Bristol Bay river systems and the Karluk River on Kodiak Island and several sockeye/Chinook salmon enumeration and escapement projects. Later, at the National Marine Fisheries Service at their Auke Bay Biological Laboratory, Mr. Savikko researched the early marine survival of pink and chum salmon throughout Northern Southeast Alaska and then gained hatchery experience at a private, non-profit hatchery on Gastineau Channel. Throughout a 30 year career at Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Mr. Savikko worked in the Divisions of Sport Fish, Fisheries Rehabilitation, Enhancement and Development, and Commercial Fisheries. His responsibilities covered freshwater and marine species management, research, and policy development. Mr. Savikko compiled and reported statewide salmon harvest data by management area, as well as maintaining the Commercial Operators Annual Report. As a member of the Commissioner's team, he helped develop, draft and implement salmon bycatch limits for the Bering Sea pollock fleet, as well as develop the foundation for bycatch measures in the Gulf of Alaska trawl fisheries.

Dr. William Smoker

Bill Smoker is an Alaskan salmon biologist. His research is on local adaptation of salmon and on genetic and environmental interactions of hatchery and wild salmon; he's author or co author of more than 50 peer-reviewed scientific papers on salmon biology. He retired in '09 from University of Alaska Fairbanks where he was Director of Fisheries and now holds the rank of Emeritus Professor.

He's a reviewer for the NW Power and Conservation Council in Portland and formerly a founding member of the Hatchery Scientific Review Group in Washington. He earned his BA (Biology) at Carleton College, and his MS (Oceanography) and PhD (Fisheries) at Oregon State University.

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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 salmon, halibut, sablefish, pollock and king & tanner crab fisheries.

Dave Garforth

Dave Garforth, BSc, HDip. (Applied Science), MSC has been involved in fisheries and aquatic resources for over 20 years. Currently, managing Global Trust FAO based Fishery Certification Program, with experience in the application of ISO/IEC Guide 65 based seafood certification systems and a professional background in numerous fishery assessments. Previous professional background includes; Development Officer in the Irish Sea Fisheries Board, supply chain and trade experience at Pan European Fish Auctions, the control and enforcement of fisheries regulations as a UK Fishery Officer. Dave is also a lead, third party IRCA approved auditor.

For further information on the assessment, please visit:

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