



16th December 2016

Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management Certification Program

Announcement of Full Re-assessment of

- **Bristol Bay Red King Crab Fishery**
 - **BSAI Snow crab Fishery**
- **St. Matthew Blue King Crab Fishery**

Announcement of Full Assessment of

- **BSAI/GoA Tanner Crab Fishery**
- **Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab Fishery**

This notice is to announce the commencement of the 1st Full Re-assessment of the Bristol Bay Red King Crab Fishery, the BSAI Snow crab Fishery and the St. Matthew Blue King Crab Fishery and also the 1st Full Assessment of the BSAI/GoA Tanner Crab Fishery and the Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab Fishery to the Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) Certification Program on behalf of Bering Sea Crab Client Group LLC.

This announcement also includes details about the Re-assessment and Full Assessment team and dates for the site visit.

The Bristol Bay Red King Crab Fishery, the BSAI Snow crab Fishery and the St. Matthew Blue King Crab Fishery were certified in April 2012 against the Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management Program. As per Program procedures, the fisheries will now undergo a complete re-assessment to coincide the 5th year of certification.

The Standard is available at:

<http://www.alaskaseafood.org/rfm-certification/fisheries-standard/version-1-3/>

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Units of Assessment within the Unit of Certification:

Re-assessment of

U.S. ALASKA KING AND SNOW CRAB BERING SEA COMMERCIAL FISHERIES			
Fish Species	Geographic Region(s)	Gear Types	Management Authority
Red King crab (<i>Paralithodes camtschaticus</i>)	Bristol Bay	Trap gear	National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS); North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC); Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) & Board of Fisheries (BOF).
Snow crab (<i>Chionocetes opilio</i>)	Eastern Bering Sea		
Blue King crab (<i>Paralithodes platypus</i>)	St. Matthew Island		



Full Assessment of:

U.S. ALASKA TANNER CRAB COMMERCIAL FISHERIES			
Fish Species	Geographic Region(s)	Gear Types	Management Authority
Tanner Crab (<i>Chionoecetes bairdi</i>)	BSAI GoA Kodiak, Chignik and Alaska Peninsula Tanner and Southeast tanner crab seasons	Trap gear	National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS); North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC); Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) & Board of Fisheries (BOF).

U.S. ALASKA GOLDEN KING CRAB (GKC) COMMERCIAL FISHERIES			
Fish Species	Geographic Region(s)	Gear Types	Management Authority
Golden King Crab (<i>Lithodes aequispinus</i>)	AI	Trap gear	National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS); North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC); Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) & Board of Fisheries (BOF).

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Notice of Re-assessment and Full Assessment Team

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

Dr. Ivan Mateo, Lead Assessor

Dr. Ivan Mateo has over 15 years' experience working with natural resources population dynamic modeling. His specialization is in fish and crustacean population dynamics, stock assessment, evaluation of management strategies for exploited populations, bioenergetics, ecosystem-based assessment, and ecological statistical analysis. Dr. Mateo received a Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences with Fisheries specialization from the University of Rhode Island. He has studied population dynamics of economically important species as well as candidate species for endangered species listing from many different regions of the world such as the Caribbean, the Northeast US Coast, Gulf of California and Alaska. He has done research with NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center Ecosystem Based Fishery Management on bio-energetic modeling for Atlantic cod. He also has been working as environmental consultant in the Caribbean doing field work and looking at the effects of industrialization on essential fish habitats and for the Environmental Defence Fund developing population dynamics models for data poor stocks in the Gulf of California. Recently Dr. Mateo worked as National Research Council postdoc research associate at the NOAA National Marine Fisheries Services Ted Stevens Marine Research Institute on population dynamic modeling of Alaska sablefish.



Dr. Wes Toller

Wes has an extensive background in fisheries management and habitat conservation. As owner and operator of his own consulting business since 2010, Wes has worked closely with a number of leading certification schemes including the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) and Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) to develop and improve processes for auditing and accreditation of sustainability standards. He previously worked as a program manager with Accreditation Services International (ASI) where he helped establish the company's nascent MSC Program. Wes has an in-depth knowledge of ISO requirements and international best practices that pertain to eco-labelling. He has a detail-oriented work style and wide ranging interests. Wes has experience in many subject areas within the field of sustainability, and a specialist in sustainable use of fishery resources in the field of fisheries management and marine science. Wes received his doctorate in biological sciences from the University of Southern California. He currently resides in Seattle.

Dr. Gerald Ennis

Following undergraduate and graduate degrees at Memorial University of Newfoundland in the 1960s, Dr. Ennis completed a Ph.D. in marine biology at University of Liverpool in the early 1970s. He retired in 2005 following a 37-year research career with the Science Branch of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. His extensively published work has focused primarily on lobster fishery and population biology and on various aspects of larval, juvenile and adult lobster behavior and ecology in Newfoundland waters. Throughout his career, Dr. Ennis was heavily involved in the review and formulation of scientific advice for management of shellfish in Atlantic Canada as well as the advisory/consultative part of managing the Newfoundland lobster fishery.



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The Reassessment and Full Assessment will be in accordance with Alaska RFM Standard version 1.3 available at:

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The site visit by the assessment team will commence on the **20th January 2017**, according to the following site visit plan.



Insert Organization Name

Bering Sea Crabber Association January 20 2017 (Seattle)

Client Scott Goodman (Fisheries Terminal) 9:30 AM

January 20 2017 (Seattle)

NOAA AK Fisheries Science Center

1:00 PM

January 23 2017 (Juneau)

Alaska ADFG Juneau

9:00 AM

1:00 PM (DDF Model)

January 24 2017 (Juneau)

NOAA AK Regional Center Juneau

1:00 PM

US Coast Guard

January 25 2017 (Juneau)

9:30 AM

AWT

1:30 PM

January 26 2017

ADFG Kodiak

9:00 AM

NOAA AKFC

1:00 PM

Linda Kosniak

January 27 2017 (Kodiak)

(Golden King Crab)

9:00 AM



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