

Atka mackerel and rockfish fishery

Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management Certification

Certification Body: DNV GL - Business Assurance

Announcement of Initial assessment

DNV GL - Business Assurance (DNV GL) is pleased to announce that Atka mackerel and rockfish fishery is entering the initial assessment process against Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) Standard.

The unit of certification is defined as:

Fishery:	Atka mackerel and rockfish
Applicant Group:	Alaska Seafood Cooperative
Product Common Name (Species):	Atka mackerel (<i>Pleurogrammus monopterygius</i>), Pacific ocean perch (<i>Sebastes alutus</i>), Dusky rockfish (<i>Sebastes ciliatus</i>), Northern rockfish (<i>Sebastes polyspinis</i>)
Geographic Location:	Gulf of Alaska and Bering sea & Aleutian Islands within Alaska jurisdiction (200 nautical miles EEZ).
Gear Types:	Bottom trawl
Principal Management Authority:	National Marine Fisheries Service; North Pacific Fishery Management Council; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

The client responsible for coordination of assessment for this fishery is Alaska Seafood Cooperative. The assessment will be conducted in accordance with Alaska RFM Standard version 1.3 available at: http://www.alaskaseafood.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/RFM-Standard-V1.3_MAY2016.pdf

Projected timeline:

Initial assessment is estimated to take approximately 7 months. Expected certificate award date is 5 December 2019. Further information regarding the assessment process would be available at ASMI's website <http://www.alaskaseafood.org>.

	2019-05-16:	Announcement of initial assessment
From 2019-06-17 until	2019-06-21:	On-site audit (Seattle, US)
	2019-08-15:	The Full Assessment Report
	2019-09-01:	Peer Review
	2019-10-01:	The Public Comment Full Assessment Report
	2019-12-01:	Final Assessment Report and certification decision

Nominated assessment team:

Anna Kiseleva
DNV GL Lead Assessor: Anna is a senior assessor and a Global service responsible for MSC Fisheries and RFM certification schemes at DNV GL Business Assurance. She holds MSc degree in International fisheries management from the University of Tromsø and MSc degree in Business Management from Murmansk State Technical University. She has over 15 years of


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experience in the global seafood industry incl. assessment services, consultancy and project management. She is an experienced project manager with proven ability to lead cross-disciplinary teams. She has been involved in the delivery of the Fisheries assessment services since 2008.

Jodi Bostrom

Main area of responsibility
Fundamental clause F (Serious Impacts of the
Fishery on the Ecosystem):

Ms. Jodi Bostrom joined MRAG Americas as a Senior Fisheries Consultant and MSC Fisheries Program Manager in mid-2015. Prior to joining MRAG Americas, she spent five years working at the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) in London as a Senior Fisheries Assessment Manager. Among many other things, she developed the MSC's benthic habitats policy and the Consequence Spatial Analysis (a risk-based framework for assessing habitat impacts in data-deficient situations) as part of the MSC Standard revision. Prior to the MSC, Jodi spent 11 years with the National Academy of Sciences' Ocean Studies Board in Washington, DC. She received an M.Sc. in Environmental Science at American University in 2006 and a B.Sc. in Zoology at the University of Wisconsin in 1999. Jodi's main areas of work at MRAG Americas are serving on MSC fisheries assessment teams and reviewing MSC assessment reports for technical quality and compliance. She has particular experience in the Ecosystem impact component.

Giuseppe Scarcella

Main area of responsibility
Fundamental clause B (Science and Stock
Assessment activities) and C (The precautionary
approach) and D (Management measures):

Giuseppe Scarcella is an experienced fishery scientist and population analyst and modeller, with wide knowledge and experience in the assessment of demersal stocks. He holds a first degree in Marine Biology and Oceanography (110/110) from the Università Politecnica delle Marche, and a Ph.D. in marine Ecology and Biology from the same university, based on a thesis "Age and growth of two rockfish in the Adriatic Sea". After his degree he was offered a job as project scientist in several research programs about the structure and composition of fish assemblage in artificial reefs, off-shore platform and other artificial habitats in the Italian Research Council – Institute of Marine Science of Ancona (CNR-ISMAR). During the years of employment at CNR-ISMAR he has gained experience in benthic ecology, statistical analyses of fish assemblages evolution in artificial habitats, fisheries ecology and impacts of fishing activities, stock assessment, otolith analysis, population dynamic and fisheries management. During the same years he attended courses of uni-multivariate statistics and stock assessment. He is also actively participating in the scientific advice process of


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FAO GFCM in the Mediterranean Sea. At the moment he is member of the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries for the European Commission (STECF).

He is author and co-author of more than 30 scientific paper peer reviewed journals and more than 150 national and international technical reports, most of them focused on the evolution of fish assemblages in artificial habitats and stock assessment of demersal species.

Paul Knapman

Main area of responsibility
Fundamental clause A (The Fisheries Management System) and E (Implementation monitoring and control):

Paul is an independent consultant based in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Paul began his career in fisheries more than 30 years ago as a fisheries officer in the UK, responsible for the enforcement of UK and EU fisheries regulations. He then joined the UK government's nature conservation advisors, establishing and managing their marine fisheries programme. He developed an extensive programme of work with fisheries managers, scientists, the fishing industry and ENGOs to integrate national and European fisheries and nature conservation requirements. He also helped lead a national four year project contributing to the 2002 review of the Common Fisheries Policy. He then became Head of the largest inshore fisheries management organisation in England, with responsibility for managing an extensive area of inshore fisheries on the North Sea coast. The organisations responsibilities and roles included: stock assessments; habitat monitoring; setting and ensuring compliance with total allowable catches and quotas; establishing and applying regional fisheries regulations; the development and implementation of fisheries management plans; the lead authority for the largest marine protected area in England. In 2004, Paul moved to Canada and established his own consultancy providing analysis, advisory and developmental work on fisheries management policy in Canada and Europe. He drafted the first management plan for one of Canada's marine protected areas, undertook an extensive review on IUU fishing in the Baltic Sea and was appointed as rapporteur to the European Commission's Baltic Sea Regional Advisory Council. In 2008, Paul joined Moody Marine as their Americas Regional Manager, responsible for managing and developing their regional MSC business. He became General Manager of the business in 2012. Paul has been involved as a lead assessor, team member and



Stakeholder registration

DNV GL seeks to solicit stakeholder input from all organizations or individuals with a direct interest in this fishery. Anyone wishing to provide comments or information to the assessment process (in terms of the status of the stocks, ecosystem interactions or fishery management practices, other) is invited to contact DNV GL and register as stakeholder. Recommendations of new stakeholders are also welcome.

Registered stakeholders will be consulted during the assessment and will be sent the draft report when 30-day comment period begins.

If you would like to be registered as a stakeholder, please advise us of your interest by 5 PM CET on 16th June 2019, giving the following details:

1. Name and company, together with contact information;
2. Your association with the fishery;
3. The issues you would like to discuss
4. Suitable venue and time for a meeting (if you would like to meet with the assessment team).

Site-audit plan:

A key purpose of the site visit is to collect information and to speak to stakeholders with an interest in the fishery.

Seattle, 17 June 2019 Stakeholders to be consulted:
Alaska Seafood Cooperative representing flatfish group fisheries

Seattle, 18 June 2019: Stakeholders to be consulted:

- Alaska Fisheries Science Center
- Office of Observer Programme

Remote consultancy (Various dates June 2019): Stakeholders to be consulted (optional):

- North Pacific Fisheries Management Council
- Science and Statistical Committee, Advisory Panel and Council
- Coast Guard
- Office of law enforcement
- RAM (Restricted access management division)

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