



RESPONSIBLE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE

Certificate no.:
10000445829-MSC-ANSI-USA

Initial certification date:
18 November, 2016

Valid until:
03 December, 2024

This is to certify that the Fishery operations of

Alaska Flatfish Fishery

Alaska Seafood Cooperative, 4241 21st Ave W. Suite 302, Seattle, WA 98199-1250, USA

has been found to conform to the requirements of:

Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) Certification Scheme Version 1.3

as derived from 1995 FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and 2005/2009 FAO Guidelines for Ecolabelling of Fish and Fishery Products from Marine Capture Fisheries.

This certificate is valid for the following fishery:

Fishery name: Alaska Flatfish Fishery

Species (latin and common name): Alaska plaice (*Pleuronectes quadrituberculatus*), Arrowtooth flounder (*Atheresthes stomias*), Flathead sole (*Hippoglossoides elassodon*), Greenland turbot (*Reinhardtius hippoglossoides*), Kamchatka flounder (*Atheresthes evermanni*), Northern rock sole (*Lepidopsetta polyxstra*), Yellowfin sole (*Limanda aspera*), Southern rock sole (*Lepidopsetta bilineatus*), Rex sole (*Glyptocephalus zachirus*)

Geographical area: Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) within Alaska jurisdiction (200 nautical miles EEZ)

Method of capture: Bottom trawl

Stock:

BSAI – Alaska plaice, Arrowtooth flounder, Flathead sole, Greenland turbot, Kamchatka flounder, Northern rock sole, Yellowfin sole

GOA – Arrowtooth flounder, Flathead sole, Northern rock sole, Southern rock sole, Rex sole

Management: National Marine Fisheries Service; North Pacific Fishery Management Council; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Client group: Alaska Seafood Cooperative

The certified fishery has the right to claim the fishery is a “Well Managed and Responsible Fishery”, in accordance with the RFM’s FAO based criteria for responsible fishing. Further claims made about the fishery shall be in accordance with the rules established by Certified Seafood Collaborative.

This certificate extends to the first point of landing and sale.

Place and issue date:
Katy, TX, 10 March, 2021



For the Accredited Unit:
DNV - Business Assurance
1400 Ravello Drive, Katy, TX, 77449-5164,
USA



Sherif Mekkawy
Management Representative

Any changes in the product or process shall immediately be reported to DNV GL in order to verify whether this Certificate remains. Lack of fulfilment of conditions as set out in the Annex to the Certificate may render this Certificate invalid.

ACCREDITED UNIT: DNV Business Assurance USA Inc., 1400 Ravello Drive, Katy, TX, 77449, USA
TEL: +1 281-396-1000. www.dnvgcert.com



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Appendix to Certificate

Applicant Group: Alaska Seafood Cooperative, Alaska Flatfish Fishery

Scope:

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Annual Surveillance: December (each year)

Re-Evaluation Due Date: December 2022

Open Non-Conformities: None

Open Client Action Plans: Not Applicable

Members of the Applicant Group are authorized to provide fish and fish products that are eligible to carry the RFM Logo.

List of fishery participants: All commercial fisheries in the Unit of Certification. All information on this fishery is publicly available on <http://www.alaskaseafood.org/>.

DNV GL is accredited for the Responsible Fishery Management assessment services by the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB), which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

The ANAB headquarters are located at 330 East Kilbourn Avenue Suite 925, Milwaukee, WI 53202. <https://anab.ansi.org/>.