

FAO Based Responsible Fisheries Management Certification

Notice of 1st Surveillance Assessment Team Nomination

Application submitted by: The Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute

**On Behalf of
The U.S. Alaska Pacific Cod Commercial Fishery**

Based on the technical expertise required to carry out the above fishery assessment, Global Trust Certification Ltd., is pleased to confirm the 1st Surveillance assessment team members for the fishery as follows.

Vito Ciccio Romito, Lead Assessor

Vito Ciccio Romito 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 worked 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, Pollock, crab and cod fisheries as well Icelandic Cod, Saithe, Haddock and Redfish fisheries. Vito is also a lead, third party IRCA approved auditor.

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

Dr. Ivan Mateo, 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 bioenergetic 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 Defense 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.

Bruce R. Turriss, Assessor

Bruce Turriss is the President of Pacific Fisheries Management Inc. (PFMI), a consulting firm that provides policy, strategic planning and management advice to clients involved in the commercial fishing industry, including government agencies, commercial fishing associations, environmental organizations and eco-certification companies. Bruce has been involved in commercial fisheries management for more than 30 years, having worked for the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans from 1984 – 1997, where he was the Groundfish Manager, Pacific Region. During his career in fisheries, Bruce has been involved in the design, development and implementation of more than a dozen catch share programs throughout North America, including a comprehensive integrated groundfish program in British Columbia consisting of multiple gear types and more than 60 fish stocks. Bruce has been involved with the management of Pacific halibut and Pacific cod throughout his career and continues to be closely involved in the management of west coast groundfish fisheries, serving as an advisor to numerous regional, national and international groundfish advisory committees.