

FAO Based Responsible Fisheries Management Certification

Notice of 3rd Surveillance Assessment Team Nomination

Application submitted by: The Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute

**On Behalf of
The U.S. Alaska Salmon Commercial Fisheries**

Based on the technical expertise required to carry out the above fishery assessment, Global Trust Certification Ltd., is pleased to confirm the 3rd Surveillance assessment team members for the fishery as follows.

Vito Ciccia Romito (Lead Assessor)

Vito Ciccia 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. Hal Geiger (Assessor)

Hal Geiger has over 30 years of experience studying Pacific salmon in Alaska. He has authored or co-authored over 20 published scientific articles on statistical methods, fisheries stock assessment, and conservation biology. From 1982 to 1987 he worked as a biometrician for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Commercial Fisheries. In 1997 he became the Division's chief biometrician. From late 2000 until his retirement 2007 he focused on staff development as the stock assessment research supervisor for salmon in the Southeast Region of the Commercial Fisheries Division. He was the 2005 President of the Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. Previously, he was a technical advisor to the U.S. Section of the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission, prior to the commission disbanding; later he was a technical advisor to the successor organization, the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission. Previously he was the principal editor of the annual salmon forecast for many years, an Alaska Department of Fish and

Game advanced scientific SCUBA diver, deputized Fish and Game peace officer, and statistical consultant to Alaska Department of Fish and Game Exxon Valdez oil spill investigators. Currently he is an affiliate faculty member at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, and the Chief Scientist for the St. Hubert Research Group in Juneau, Alaska.

Dr. Philip McGinnity (Assessor)

Dr. McGinnity has been working in fisheries research and management for more than quarter of a century. He started his career in fisheries as an Inspector with the Northern Regional Fisheries Board in 1985, taking study leave from the Board to complete a BSc in Biology (Hons) at Queens University Belfast in 1989. He has a PhD (Supervisor Professor Andy Ferguson), also from Queen's, in the area of Atlantic salmon population genetics, which he completed while working as a biologist for the Salmon Research Agency of Ireland (now the Marine Institute) at its research station on the Burrishoole River in County Mayo. He was a biologist and team leader with the Institute until 2008. He did a spell on secondment as Director of Protection and Conservation in the Central Fisheries Board between 2000 and 2002 and since 2008 has been employed by University College Cork as Principal Investigator for the prestigious Beaufort Marine Research Award in Fish Population Genetics. He is probably best known for his research on the genetic impacts of farm escapes, but has also been published widely in the areas of population biology and ecology, stock assessment, evolutionary biology, and river habitat measurement and assessment.

Al Cass (Assessor)

Al Cass is a retired fisheries biologist with a 35 year career with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). His area of expertise is stock assessment, population dynamics and management. Mr. Cass holds a BSc. in Zoology from the University of British Columbia and a MSc from Royal Roads University in Management and the Environment. While at DFO his work has been diverse in nature but has had a primary focus on Pacific salmon and the impacts of fishery exploitation. He has lead stock assessment and research programmes on salmon in British Columbia, and has collaborated extensively with colleagues in DFO, academia and other non-government organizations. Most recently, Mr. Cass participated as the lead DFO scientist in the development of modeling approaches for assessing alternative harvest control rules including management reference points for Fraser River sockeye salmon. He has published over 30 scientific papers in the primary literature as well as numerous reports and research documents. Mr. Cass also headed the DFO science peer-review process from 2002 to 2009. Before retirement Mr. Cass was the science representative on the DFO Team assigned to the Commission of Inquiry into the Decline of Sockeye Salmon in the Fraser River.