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Fishery Shipowners Association (FSA) Russia Sea of Okhotsk pollock

MSC Use of the Risk-Based Framework (RBF) in a Fishery Assessment

1 Notification - Site Visit using RBF

This fishery is entering the 'information gathering' stage of the assessment against the MSC Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing.

A key purpose of the site visit is to collect information and speak to stakeholders with an interest in the fishery. For those parts of the assessment involving the MSC's Risk Based Framework (RBF, see <http://www.msc.org/about-us/standards/methodologies/fam/msc-risk-based-framework>), we will be using a stakeholder-driven, qualitative analysis during the site visit. To achieve a robust outcome from this consultative approach, we rely heavily on participation of a broad range of stakeholders with a balance of knowledge of the fishery. We encourage any stakeholders with experience or knowledge of the fishery to participate in these meetings.

There is now a consultation period, which will finish 60 days from the date of this announcement in line with the ACDR consultation timeframe (25th May 2021 at 5pm UTC) for stakeholders to comment on the PIs and rationale proposed on the following page.

The following performance indicators may be scored using the RBF:

- 2.2.1 Secondary species outcome
- 2.3.1 ETP species outcome

The site visit for this fishery will take place commencing the 25th May 2021. Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, LR is submitting a Variation Request for this initial assessment to be conducted remotely, in line with the [MSC Feb 26th COVID-19 derogation](#). The result of the VR will be available on the MSC website before the site visit. If you would like to speak with the team please notify us as soon as possible, and before the end of the consultation period for submission of information (see below) – we can then arrange appropriate discussion opportunity.

If you would like to talk to the assessors, **please advise us of your interest at your earliest convenience before the site visit, at the very latest 17.00 UTC on the 25th May 2021**, giving the following details:

- your name and contact details;

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- your association with the fishery;
- the issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation).

Enquiries should be sent in the first instance to:

LR Fisheries Department – fisheries-ca@lr.org

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Table 1 – Fishery information

1	Fishery name
	Fishery Shipowners Association (FSA) Russia Sea of Okhotsk pollock fishery
2	CAB
	Lloyd's Register
3	Date that the proposal to use the RBF is submitted to the MSC
	26 th March 2021
4	Date stakeholder comment period closes on the proposal to use the RBF
	25 th May 2021
5	PI that the RBF is to be applied for
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.2.1 Secondary species outcome • 2.3.1 ETP species outcome
6	Justification for use
	<p>At this ACDR stage, the Risk-Based Framework is triggered for Secondary species outcome (PI 2.2.1) and ETP species outcome (PI 2.3.1). Following FCP v2.2, 7.7.3 and Table 3, the RBF is being triggered for two reasons:</p> <p>1) A small number of seabirds (puffins and gulls) recorded in the observer data were not identified to species level (Section Error! Reference source not found.). The RBF is therefore triggered to firstly identify the likely species encountered by the fishery. At this stage it is not known whether those species are protected under binding national or international legislation (in which case they should be considered ETP species) or not (in which case they should be considered Secondary species). For this reason, the RBF is being triggered for both ETP and Secondary species outcome. Additional evidence may be presented prior to the site visit which may remove the need for the RBF on ETP species. In this case, the procedure as per MSC FCPv2.2 Annex PF2.1 will be applied.</p> <p>2) The main secondary species identified thus far, northern fulmar and Okhotsk ringed seal, do not have biologically-based limits available, derived either from analytical stock assessment or using empirical approaches. As per Table 3 (FCP2.2), the RBF is therefore triggered for Secondary species outcome.</p>

	Stakeholder comments on the use of the RBF need to be considered (FCP v2.2, Annex PF2.1.1.e). Both the stakeholder comments and the CAB comments will be included in the PCDR (FCP v2.2, 7.20.5).
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A controlled document list of MSC program documents is available on the MSC website (msc.org).

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