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# **MRAG Americas, Inc.**

## **Ozernovsky RKZ No 55**

### **West Kamchatka Salmon Fishery**

### **MSC Fishery Announcement**

**Table 1 – Fishery announcement**

1	Fishery name
	Ozernovsky RKZ No 55 West Kamchatka Salmon Fishery
2	Assessment number
	Initial assessment
3	Reduced reassessment (Yes/No)
	No
4	Statement that the fishery is within scope
	MRAG Americas, Inc. confirms that this fishery is within scope for MSC assessment.
5	Unit(s) of Assessment - UoA(s)
UoA 1	Description
Species	Sockeye salmon ( <i>Oncorhynchus nerka</i> )
Stock	Sockeye salmon spawning in the Ozernaya River on the Western coast of Kamchatka
Geographical area	Western Kamchatka, Sea of Okhotsk
Harvest method/gear	Coastal trap nets, beach seines

Client group	JSC Ozernovsky Fish Canning Plant #55
Other eligible fishers	RK Zapadny LLC, Rybkholkam LLC, Poseidon Ltd.
UoA 2	Description
Species	Pink salmon ( <i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i> )
Stock	Populations of Pacific salmon spawning on the Western coast of Kamchatka (Ozernaya, Koshegochek, Golygina, Yavinskaya Rivers) and also adjacent rivers whose populations can be intercepted by the fishery.
Geographical area	Western Kamchatka, Sea of Okhotsk
Harvest method/gear	Coastal trap nets, beach seines
Client group	JSC Ozernovsky Fish Canning Plant #55
Other eligible fishers	RK Zapadny LLC, Rybkholkam LLC, Poseidon Ltd.
UoA 3	Description
Species	Chum salmon ( <i>Oncorhynchus keta</i> )
Stock	Populations of Pacific salmon spawning on the Western coast of Kamchatka (Ozernaya, Koshegochek, Golygina, Yavinskaya Rivers) and also adjacent rivers whose populations can be intercepted by the fishery.
Geographical area	Western Kamchatka, Sea of Okhotsk
Harvest method/gear	Coastal trap nets, beach seines
Client group	JSC Ozernovsky Fish Canning Plant #55
Other eligible fishers	RK Zapadny LLC, Rybkholkam LLC, Poseidon Ltd.
6	Certificate sharing statement
	The following is a list of companies eligible to use the fishery certificate and sell product as MSC certified: RK Zapadny LLC Rybkholkam LLC Poseidon Ltd.
7	Name of proposed team leader
	<b>Mr. Ray Beamesderfer</b> (Team Leader), M.Sc., Senior Fish Scientist, Fish Science Solutions, USA. Mr. Beamesderfer holds a bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology from the University of California, Davis, and a Master's in Fishery Resources from the University of Idaho. As a consultant, Ray has completed a wide variety of projects in fishery management, biological assessment, and conservation/recovery planning. He is the author of numerous reports, biological assessments, management plans, and scientific articles on fish population dynamics, fish conservation, fishery, and hatchery management, sampling, and species interactions. Ray has served on MRAG and other fishery assessment teams for salmon fisheries in Alaska, Japan and Russia and brings perspective and harmonization between salmon fishery assessments in the Pacific.

	<p>MRAG Americas confirms that Mr. Beamesderfer meets the competency criteria in Annex PC for team leader as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He has an appropriate university degree and more than three years' experience in management and research in fisheries;</li> <li>• He has passed the MSC team leader training;</li> <li>• He has the required competencies described in Table PC1, section 2;</li> <li>• He meets ISO 19011 training requirements;</li> <li>• He has undertaken two fishery assessments as a team member in the last five years, and</li> <li>• He has experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques and is able to effectively communicate with clients and other stakeholders.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, he has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a Principle 1 and 3 assessor as described in FCP Annex PC table PC3.</p> <p>MRAG Americas confirms that Mr. Beamesderfer has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</p>
8	Name(s) of proposed team members
	<p><b>Dr. Dmitry Lajus</b>, Associate Professor in the Department of Ichthyology and Hydrobiology of St Petersburg State University. Dmitry holds a BS and MS from St. Petersburg University, and a PhD from the Zoological Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Dr. Lajus has conducted multiple MSC pre-assessments and full assessments for a number of fisheries in the European and Asian parts of Russia. He also provides consultations to fisheries in their MSC certification projects in Russia and EU. Dmitry's research interests include population biology of marine fish and invertebrates, population phenogenetics, stress assessment, history of fisheries, fisheries management, historical ecology, and population dynamics. He authored numerous peer-reviewed research articles and book chapters.</p> <p>MRAG Americas confirms that Dr. Lajus meets the competency criteria in Annex PC for team members as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He has an appropriate university degree and more than five years' experience in management and research in fisheries;</li> <li>• He has undertaken at least two MSC fishery assessments or surveillance site visits in the last five years; and</li> <li>• He is able to score a fishery using the default assessment tree and describe how conditions are set and monitored.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, he has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a Principle 1 and 2 assessor as described in FCP Annex PC table PC3, and MRAG Americas confirms he has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</p> <p>The whole assessment team collectively meets the requirements as described in FCP Annex PC table PC3.</p>
9	Stakeholder opportunities
	<p>Provide input or comments on the Announcement Comment Draft Report (ACDR). We ask stakeholders to provide input or comments on the ACDR by 5pm GMT on <b>11 November 2019</b>.</p>

	<p>Stakeholders must use the <a href="#">MSC Template for Stakeholder Input into Fishery Assessments v3.0</a> (Ctrl+click to follow link)</p> <p>Participate in the site visit: all team members are available to meet in person (FCP v2.1 7.12.2.e.i).</p>																																																																																																																																													
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MRAG Americas, Inc. is pleased to announce that a Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) assessment of JSC Ozernovsky Fish Canning Plant #55 West Kamchatka Salmon Fishery has begun. The assessment will evaluate the fishery for compliance with the MSC's Standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries. MRAG Americas has determined that the fishery is in scope.

As part of the assessment, MRAG Americas announces that stakeholder meetings and assessment of relevant documentation will be undertaken with a visit to the fishery in January 2020. **The assessment team will meet in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, Kamchatka, Russia on 15 January 2020.** The purpose of these meetings is for a

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fishery assessment and stakeholder consultation to receive information from fishery representatives, government management agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other interested stakeholders.

MRAG invites stakeholders to provide input on the Announcement Comment Draft Report or any other information considered relevant, including knowledge and concerns about the fishery and to the assessments of the fishery. Unless covered by FCP 4.4.1 any information that cannot be shared with other stakeholders even under a confidentiality agreement shall not be: referenced in the assessment, used to determine the assessment outcome or used as the basis for an objection to a certification. MRAG will schedule meetings with stakeholders if requested. To schedule a meeting please provide:

- your name and contact details
- your association with the fishery
- the issues you would like to discuss
- where and when you would like to meet

Stakeholders may provide input at any time. We ask stakeholders who wish to meet with the team to make the request for a meeting by 5pm GMT on 08 January 2020.

The MSC has developed a guide for stakeholder input, available at <https://www.msc.org/what-you-can-do/engage-with-a-fishery-assessment> and a template (MSC template for stakeholder input into fishery assessments v3.0) for stakeholder response can be found at <https://www.msc.org/for-business/certification-bodies/supporting-documents>. You must use the template to provide your response.

More information on the fishery is available at <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/>.

Please send any documentation, requests for meetings, or inquiries to:

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## Appendix 1: Summaries of CVs of team leader and team members

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