



Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands and Gulf of Alaska Flatfish Fisheries

Alaska Seafood Cooperative

Marine Stewardship Council Surveillance Announcement

Name of Fishery	Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Flatfish Fishery Gulf of Alaska Flatfish Fishery	
Surveillance level and type	Surveillance level 6, review of information No change from proposed surveillance level and type	
Surveillance number (tick one)	1st Surveillance	X
	2nd Surveillance	
	3rd Surveillance	
	4th Surveillance	
	Other (expedited etc)	
Proposed Team Leader	<p>Dr. Robert J. Trumble would serve as team leader for the assessment. He is Vice President of MRAG Americas, and has overseen all MSC work conducted by MRAG. He has wide-ranging experience in marine fish science and management, fishery habitat protection, and oceanography. Dr. Trumble joined MRAG Americas in 2000 as a senior research scientist and became Vice President in 2005. Previously, he served 14 years as Senior Biologist of the International Pacific Halibut Commission in Seattle, Washington, 10 years in various research and management positions at the Washington Department of Fisheries, and six years with the US Naval Oceanographic Office. At MRAG, Dr. Trumble performs project planning, assembles research teams, and conducts research, with a focus on improving management of aquatic ecosystems and the resources and fisheries they support. He is responsible for the development and management of the core business areas and functions of the company, senior oversight on major projects, and development of new business. His projects have included managing the Pacific herring fishery for Washington state, preparation and review of fishery management and habitat management plans, review of technology to support or replace on-board observers, provision of observer services, development of bycatch management and control, preparation of environmental assessments and environmental impact statements, and conducting workshops on fishery issues. Dr. Trumble has extensive experience working with government agencies, commercial and recreational fisheries groups, Indian tribes, and national and international advisory groups. He received appointments to the Scientific and Statistical</p>	

	<p>Committees of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the Pacific Fishery Management Council, the Groundfish Management Team of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, the affiliate faculty of Fisheries at the University of Washington, and the Advisory Committee of the Washington Sea Grant Program. Dr. Trumble has published in peer-reviewed journals and symposium proceedings, presented invited papers at national and international meetings, and written reports for government agencies. Dr. Trumble received a B.S. degree in Oceanography from the Department of Oceanography, University of Washington, an M.S. degree in Fisheries from the College of Fisheries, University of Washington, and a Ph.D. in Fisheries from the College of Fisheries, University of Washington.</p>
Proposed team members [remove if not applicable]	<p>Dr. Don Bowen. William Don Bowen is a Ph.D. graduate of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C. He has been a research scientist at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Dartmouth and an Adjunct Professor of Biology at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia for more than 25 years. He is best known for his research on the ecology, energetics and population dynamics of North Atlantic phocid seals, based largely on his collaborative studies at Sable Island. His interests also include mammalian life histories, population assessment, ecological interactions with fisheries, conservation and ecosystem change. Has published over 200 scientific papers, including 155 journal articles and book chapters and two books. He has served on the USA recovery team of the Hawaiian monk seal, and as chair of the UK Special Committee on Seals. He has broad national (Natural Science and Engineering Research Council, DFO) and international (National Academy, NSF, NRC, NMFS, NERC, NRPB) experience as a science advisor and served as member of the Board and Editor of Marine Mammal Science for five years. He has considerable experience as an MSC assessor having been involved with a number of groundfish fisheries certifications (e.g., pollock, Pacific cod) in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska.</p> <p>Dr. Jake Rice. Dr. Jake Rice is Chief Scientist for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada. He previously served as Director of Peer Review and Science Advice and held senior DFO Science positions in Pacific and Newfoundland Regions. He received BSc. from Cornell (1970 Conservation) and Ph. D. from University of Toronto (1974 - Ornithology). He has more than 270 publications in the scientific and technical literature, primarily on the ecosystem approach to integrated management. He is a member of the Group of Experts for the UN Regular Process for Global Marine Assessments, and a Lead Authors for the chapter on Drivers, Trends and Mitigation, for the next IPCC Assessment Report. He has been active as an expert or delegate to many UN meetings and agencies (FAO, CBD, GEF, UNEP, UNESCO-IOC, ICP, BBNJ etc.).</p>
Audit/review time and location	Review of Information, July 29, 2016. Carried out from CAB and assessor offices.
Assessment/review activities	The surveillance will examine any significant changes that might have occurred either in the physical environment or in the management of the BS-AI and Gulf of Alaska flatfish fisheries.

MRAG invites stakeholders to provide any information considered relevant to the surveillance of the fisheries. We request that stakeholders provide written information or submit inquiries by 5pm PDT on 25 July 2016.

More information on the fisheries is available on the MSC website at <https://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/pacific/gulf-of-alaska-flatfish/reassessment-downloads> and <https://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/pacific/bering-sea-and-aleutian-islands-flatfish/reassessment-downloads>.

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