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Aleutian Islands and Bering Sea Atka Mackerel, Pacific Ocean Perch, and Northern Rockfish and Gulf of Alaska Pacific Ocean Perch, Northern Rockfish, and Dusky Rockfish MSC Fishery Announcement

Table 1 – Fishery announcement

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| 1 | Fishery name |
| | Aleutian Islands and Bering Sea Atka Mackerel, Pacific Ocean Perch, and Northern Rockfish and Gulf of Alaska Pacific Ocean Perch, Northern Rockfish, and Dusky Rockfish |
| 2 | Assessment number |
| | Initial Assessment |
| 3 | Reduced reassessment (Yes/No) |
| | No |
| 4 | Statement that the fishery is within scope |
| | MRAG Americas confirms that this fishery is within scope for MSC assessment. |
| 5 | Unit(s) of Assessment - UoA(s) |
| UoA 1 | Description |
| Species | Atka Mackerel (<i>Pleurogrammus monopterygius</i>) |
| Stock | Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Atka mackerel |

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| Geographical area | Northeast Pacific, FAO 67 |
| Harvest method/gear | Bottom trawl |
| Client group | Alaska Seafood Cooperative |
| Other eligible fishers | None at this time |
| UoA 2 | Description |
| Species | Pacific ocean perch (<i>Sebastes alutus</i>) |
| Stock | BSAI Pacific ocean perch |
| Geographical area | Northeast Pacific, FAO 67 |
| Harvest method/gear | Bottom trawl |
| Client group | Alaska Seafood Cooperative |
| Other eligible fishers | None at this time |
| UoA 3 | Description |
| Species | Northern rockfish (<i>Sebastes polyspinis</i>) |
| Stock | BSAI Northern rockfish |
| Geographical area | Northeast Pacific, FAO 67 |
| Harvest method/gear | Bottom trawl |
| Client group | Alaska Seafood Cooperative |
| Other eligible fishers | None at this time |
| UoA 4 | Description |
| Species | Northern rockfish (<i>Sebastes polyspinis</i>) |
| Stock | Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Northern rockfish |
| Geographical area | Northeast Pacific, FAO 67 |
| Harvest method/gear | Bottom trawl |
| Client group | Alaska Seafood Cooperative |

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| Other eligible fishers | None at this time |
| UoA 5 | Description |
| Species | Pacific ocean perch (<i>Sebastes alutus</i>) |
| Stock | GOA Pacific ocean perch |
| Geographical area | Northeast Pacific, FAO 67 |
| Harvest method/gear | Bottom trawl |
| Client group | Alaska Seafood Cooperative |
| Other eligible fishers | None at this time |
| UoA 6 | Description |
| Species | Dusky rockfish (<i>Sebastes ciliates</i>) |
| Stock | GOA Dusky rockfish |
| Geographical area | Northeast Pacific, FAO 67 |
| Harvest method/gear | Bottom trawl |
| Client group | Alaska Seafood Cooperative |
| Other eligible fishers | None at this time |
| 6 | Certificate sharing statement |
| | <p>The following is a list of parties, or category of parties, eligible to use the fishery certificate, and sell product as MSC certified:</p> <p>Fishermen's Finest, Inc. North Star Fishing Co. Ocean Peace, Inc. O'Hara Corporation United States Seafoods, LLC</p> |
| 7 | Name of proposed team leader |
| | <p>Ms. Erin Wilson (Team Leader). Erin Wilson joined MRAG Americas Inc. in 2015, where she currently works as a Senior Fisheries Consultant. She has served as a team member for several MSC assessments and conducts routine audits for the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF). Prior to joining MRAG Americas, she spent 2 years working at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) as a Natural Resource Specialist and Biological Technician for the Oregon Marine Reserves. She has collaborated on a multitude of projects that focus on marine science and conservation in both a biological and social science aspect. She received a M.Sc. in Marine Resource Management from Oregon State University and a B.S. in Zoology (with a marine emphasis) and a Spanish minor from Colorado State University.</p> <p>MRAG Americas confirms that Ms. Wilson meets the competency criteria in Annex PC for team leader</p> |

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| | <p>as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has an appropriate university degree and more than five years' experience in management and research in fisheries; • She has passed the MSC team leader training; • She has the required competencies described in Table PC1, section 2; • She has passed the MSC Traceability training module; • She meets ISO 19011 training requirements; • She has undertaken two fishery assessments as a team member in the last five years, and • She has experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques and is able to effectively communicate with clients and other stakeholders. <p>In addition, she has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a Principle 3 assessor as described in FCP Annex PC table PC3.</p> <p>MRAG Americas confirms that Ms. Wilson has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</p> |
| 8 | <p>Name(s) of proposed team members</p> <p>Ms. Jodi Bostrom joined MRAG Americas as a Senior Fisheries Consultant and MSC Fisheries Program Manager in mid-2015. Prior to joining MRAG Americas, she spent five years working at the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) in London as a Senior Fisheries Assessment Manager. Among many other things, she developed the MSC's benthic habitats policy and the Consequence Spatial Analysis (a risk-based framework for assessing habitat impacts in data-deficient situations) as part of the MSC Standard revision. Prior to the MSC, Jodi spent 11 years with the National Academy of Sciences' Ocean Studies Board in Washington, DC. She received an M.Sc. in Environmental Science at American University in 2006 and a B.Sc. in Zoology at the University of Wisconsin in 1999. Jodi's main areas of work at MRAG Americas are serving on MRAG Americas' MSC fisheries assessment teams and reviewing MSC assessment reports for technical quality and compliance. She has particular experience in the Principle 2 components of the MSC Standard.</p> <p>MRAG Americas confirms that Ms. Bostrom meets the competency criteria in Annex PC for team members as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has an appropriate university degree and more than five years' experience in management and research in fisheries; • She has undertaken at least two MSC fishery assessments or surveillance site visits in the last five years; • She is able to score a fishery using the default assessment tree and describe how conditions are set and monitored; • She has passed the MSC Traceability training module. <p>In addition, she has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a Principle 2 assessor as described in FCP Annex PC table PC3, and MRAG Americas confirms she has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</p> <p>Dr. Giuseppe Scarcella is an experienced fishery scientist and population analyst and modeller, with wide knowledge and experience in the assessment of demersal stocks. He holds a first degree in Marine Biology and Oceanography (110/110) from the Università Politecnica delle Marche, and a Ph.D. in marine Ecology and Biology from the same university, based on a thesis "Age and growth of two</p> |

rockfish in the Adriatic Sea". After his degree he was offered a job as project scientist in several research programs about the structure and composition of fish assemblage in artificial reefs, off-shore platform and other artificial habitats in the Italian Research Council – Institute of Marine Science of Ancona (CNR-ISMAR, now CNR-IRBIM). During the years of employment at CNR-ISMAR he has gained experience in benthic ecology, statistical analyses of fish assemblage evolution in artificial habitats, fisheries ecology and impacts of fishing activities, stock assessment, otolith analysis, population dynamic and fisheries management. During the same years he attended courses of uni-multivariate statistics and stock assessment. He is also actively participating in the scientific advice process of FAO GFCM in the Mediterranean Sea. At the moment he is member of the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries for the European Commission (STECF).

MRAG Americas confirms that Dr. Scarcella meets the competency criteria in Annex PC for team members as follows:

- He has an appropriate university degree and more than five years' experience in management and research in fisheries;
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- He is able to score a fishery using the default assessment tree and describe how conditions are set and monitored;
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In addition, he has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a Principle 1 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.

The whole assessment team collectively meets the requirements as described in FCP Annex PC table PC3.

9 Stakeholder opportunities

Provide input or comments on the Announcement Comment Draft Report.

Stakeholders must use the [MSC Template for Stakeholder Input into Fishery Assessments v3.0](#) (Ctrl+click to follow link).

Participate in the site visit: all team members are available to meet either in person or remotely (FCP v2.1 7.12.2.e.i).

10 Assessment tree to be used

The default assessment tree contained within MSC Fisheries Certification Process version 2.1 will be used for this assessment.

11 Estimated timeline

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| Activity | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D | |
| Preparation of Announcement Comment Draft Report | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stakeholder consultation (ongoing) | | | | | | | | | | |
| MSC announcement, team and assessment visit notification, publication of Announcement Comment Draft Report | | | | | | | | | | |
| Assessment visit, stakeholder meetings | | | | | | | | | | |
| Examination of evidence, scoring, report preparation | | | | | | | | | | |
| Report review and finalization | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consultation and confirmation of peer reviewers | | | | | | | | | | |

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 June 2019. **The assessment team will meet in Seattle, WA on the week of June 19, 2019.** The purpose of these meetings is for a fishery assessment and stakeholder consultation to receive information from fishery representatives, government management agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other interested stakeholders.

- 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

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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