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## Marine Stewardship Council Fishery Announcement

Name of Fishery	PSPA Alaska salmon fishery														
Assessment number	3 <sup>rd</sup> re-assessment (4 <sup>th</sup> assessment)														
Reduced re-assessment (Y/N)	No														
Statement that the fishery is within scope	MRAG Americas confirms that this fishery is within scope for MSC assessment.														
Certificate sharing statement	Prospective certificate sharers must join the client group. Please contact Glenn Reed for more information on the eligible client member groups and how to join or go to: <a href="http://www.pspafish.net/index.php/members/msc-alaska-salmon-client-group-2/">http://www.pspafish.net/index.php/members/msc-alaska-salmon-client-group-2/</a>														
Estimated Length of Full Assessment & Timeline	PSPA Alaska Salmon Fishery Re-assessment Activity	2017- 2018													
		Month													
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	MSC Announcement, including team confirmation, notification of default assessment tree and assessment site visit														
	Stakeholder consultation (ongoing)														
	Assessment visit, stakeholder meetings														
	Client and Peer review of draft report														
	*Stakeholder review of draft report														
	Final report/certification determination/objections period														

	<div>Certification decision (if no objection)</div> <div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div>
<b>Name of proposed Team Leader</b>	<p><b>Ms. Amanda Stern-Piriot</b> will serve as team leader for the assessment. She is an M.Sc graduate of the University of Bremen, Center for Marine Tropical Ecology (ZMT) in marine ecology and fisheries biology. Ms. Stern-Piriot joined MRAG Americas in mid-June, 2014 and currently serves as Director of Fisheries Certification. She is currently serving on several assessment teams as team member and team leader. Prior to her work with MRAG Americas, she has worked together with other scientists, conservationists, fisheries managers and producer groups on international fisheries sustainability issues for over 10 years. With the Institute for Marine Research (IFM-GEOMAR) in Kiel, Germany, she led a work package on simple indicators for sustainable within the EU-funded international cooperation project INCOFISH, followed by five years within the Standards Department at the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) in London, developing standards, policies and assessment methods informed by best practices in fisheries management around the globe. Most recently she has worked with the Alaska pollock industry as a resources analyst, within the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council process, focusing on bycatch and ecosystem-based management issues, and managing the day-to-day operations of the offshore pollock cooperative. She has co-authored a dozen publications on fisheries sustainability in the developing world and the functioning of the MSC as an instrument for transforming fisheries to a sustainable basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She has an appropriate university degree and more than five years' experience in management and research in fisheries;</li> <li>• She has passed the MSC team leader training;</li> <li>• She has the required competencies described in Table PC1, section 2;</li> <li>• She has undertaken at least two fishery assessments as a team member in the last five years, and</li> <li>• She 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, she has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a Principle 3 assessor as described in FCR Annex PC table PC3. MRAG Americas confirms that Amanda Stern-Piriot has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</p>
<b>Name(s) of proposed assessors</b>	<p><b>Ray Beameserfer.</b> Mr. Beameserfer 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. Ray has special expertise in using quantitative analysis, statistics, and computer modelling to solve difficult fisheries-related questions, and in synthesizing and translating scientific analyses. He 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 fishery assessment teams for salmon fisheries in Alaska and Russia. MRAG Americas confirms that Ray Beameserfer 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</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 FCR Annex PC table PC3, and MRAG Americas confirms he has no conflicts of interest in relation to the fishery under assessment.</p> <p><b>Scott Marshall</b> earned a B.S. in Fisheries from Oregon State University, and a M.S. in Fisheries Science from the University of Washington. He has held multiple positions in fisheries, including Project Leader at the Fisheries Research Institute (UW); Research Project Leader, Principal Fishery Scientist and SE Region Supervisor for the Division of Commercial Fisheries for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game; staff biologist for Idaho Department of Fish and Game; and Fisheries Administrator in charge of the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan for the US Fish and Wildlife Service. He has served on Scientific and Statistical Committee of the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council and as Co-Chairman of the Transboundary Rivers Panel of the Pacific Salmon commission. MRAG Americas confirms that Ray Beamesderfer 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 is able to score a fishery using the default assessment tree and describe how conditions are set and monitored.</li> <li>• He has passed the MSC online training for fishery team members.</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 FCR 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 FCR Annex PC table PC3.</p>
<b>Assessment tree to be used</b>	The salmon assessment tree in FCR version 2.0 will be used for this assessment.
<b>Site visit</b>	The re-assessment site visit will take place in Kodiak, November 13th, 2017, in Anchorage on November 14 -15th, 2017, and in Juneau, November 16th, 2017. This will be in conjunction with the 4 <sup>th</sup> surveillance (1 <sup>st</sup> for Prince William Sound) of the PSPA Alaska salmon fishery.

MRAG Americas, Inc. is pleased to announce that a Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) re-assessment of Alaska salmon fishery has begun. The re-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 November, 2017. **The assessment team will meet in Kodiak, November 13th, 2017, in Anchorage on November 14 -15th, 2017, and in Juneau, November 16th, 2017.** 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.

MRAG invites stakeholders to provide any information considered relevant to the expedited assessments of the fishery. 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 PST on 6 November 2017.

The MSC has developed a guide for stakeholder input, available at <http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders> and a template for stakeholder response available at <https://www.msc.org/documents/scheme-documents/forms-and-templates/template-for-stakeholder-input-into-fishery-assessments-v2.0/view>.

You may use the template or provide your response in any other format.

More information on the fishery is available at <https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/alaska-salmon/@@view>

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

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## **Appendix 1: Client certificate sharing statement**

please see certificate sharing arrangements already in place for this fishery

## **Appendix 2: CVs of team leader and team**

*CVs provided as separate PDF documents downloadable from the MSC website here:*

<https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/alaska-salmon/@assessments>.