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Marine Stewardship Council Surveillance Announcement

Name of Fishery	VA-Delta Western Kamchatka salmon fishery	
Surveillance level and type	Level 6, onsite surveillance.	
Surveillance number (tick one)	1st Surveillance	X
	2nd Surveillance	
	3rd Surveillance	
	4th Surveillance	
	Other (expedited etc.)	
Proposed Team Leader	<p>Mr. Ray Beamesderfer would serve as team leader for the assessment. 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. 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.</p> <p>MRAG Americas confirms that Ray Beamesderfer meets the competency criteria in Annex PC for team leaders as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He has an appropriate university degree and more than five years' experience in management and research in fisheries, • He has passed the MSC team leader training • He has the required competencies described in Table PC1, section 2 • He has undertaken at least two MSC fishery assessments as a team member in the last five years • He 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, he has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a Principle 1 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>	

Proposed team members [remove if not applicable]	<p>Dr. Dmitry Lajus is an Associate Professor at the Department of Ichthyology and Hydrobiology at St. Petersburg State University since 2003. In 2006, Dr. Lajus received a Fulbright Fellowship at the University of New Hampshire. Previously, from 1987 to 2003, Dr. Lajus was a Researcher and Senior Researcher at the Zoological Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences. He specializes in population biology of marine fish and invertebrates, population phenogenetics, stress assessment, history of fisheries, historical ecology, and population dynamics. His salmon experience includes conservation implications of salmon genetics, salmon population dynamics, history of salmon fisheries, and salmon ecology. Dr. Lajus has an extensive list of peer-reviewed publications, chapters in books, conference proceedings, participation in international conferences, and involvement in international research and educational projects. Dr. Lajus received a M.S. degree from the St. Petersburg State University and a Ph.D. from the Zoological Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences.</p> <p>MRAG Americas confirms that Dmitry Lajus meets the competency criteria in Annex PC for team members as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He has an appropriate university degree and more than five years' experience in management and research in fisheries, • He has undertaken at least two MSC fishery assessments or surveillance site visits in the last five years • He is able to score a fishery using the default assessment tree and describe how conditions are set and monitored. <p>In addition, he has the appropriate skills and experience required to serve as a Principle 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>
Audit/review time and location	<p>The surveillance will take place in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky March 28 – 30, 2017 in conjunction with the expedited scope extension reassessment for Ozeraya sockeye salmon.</p>
Assessment/review activities	<p>The surveillance will review any changes in science and management, and will monitor progress in closing out conditions.</p>

MRAG Americas invites stakeholders to provide any information considered relevant to the surveillance of the Alaska salmon fisheries. 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.

All comments and inquiries should be directed to MRAG Americas. 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

We request that stakeholders provide written information or request a meeting by 5pm PST on March 14th, 2017.

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

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

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