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East Kamchatka and North Kuril Islands
Walleye pollock mid-water trawl**

**MSC Use of the Risk-Based Framework (RBF)
in a Fishery Assessment**

1 Marine Stewardship Council use of the Risk-Based Framework

Table 1 – Fishery information

| 1 | Fishery name | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Fishery Shipowners Association (FSA) East Kamchatka and North Kuril Islands Walleye pollock mid-water trawl | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | CAB | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 3 | Date that the proposal to use the RBF is submitted to the MSC | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 23 th August 2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Date stakeholder comment period closes on the proposal to use the RBF | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 23 th September 2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | PI that the RBF is to be applied for | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">2.1.1, 2.2.1, 2.3.2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Justification for use | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <table><tr><th>PI</th><th>Species</th><th>MSC requirements for use of RBF</th><th>Situation in this fishery</th><th>Con-clusion</th></tr><tr><td>1.1.1</td><td>Walleye pollock (<i>Gadus chalcogrammus</i>)</td><td rowspan="7">Stock status reference points are available, derived either from analytical stock assessment or using empirical approaches</td><td>Reference points from an analytical stock assessment</td><td>Not required</td></tr><tr><td>2.1.1</td><td>Commander squid (<i>Berryteuthis magister</i>)</td><td>Reference points from an analytical stock assessment</td><td>Not required</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="5">2.2.1</td><td>Northern fulmar (<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>)</td><td rowspan="5">IUCN sets empirical reference values which are used to put these populations in a red list category – these can be regarded as empirical stock status reference points</td><td>Not required</td></tr><tr><td>Short-tailed shearwater (<i>Ardenna tenuirostris</i>)</td><td>Not required</td></tr><tr><td>Dall's porpoise (<i>Phocoenoides dalli</i>)</td><td>Not required</td></tr><tr><td>Spotted seal (<i>Phoca largha</i>)</td><td>Not required</td></tr><tr><td>Ribbon seal (<i>Histiophoca fasciata</i>)</td><td>Not required</td></tr><tr><td>2.1.1 and 2.2.1</td><td>Bycatch species not yet identified for the UoA</td><td>Stock status reference points are available, derived either from analytical stock assessment or using empirical approaches</td><td>Additional data on catch (retained non-quota species and discards) requested for the site visit may result in new primary or secondary species being identified, which may not have reference points.</td><td>May be required</td></tr><tr><td>2.3.1</td><td>Laysan albatross (<i>Phoebastria immutabilis</i>),</td><td>Can the impact of the fishery in assessment on ETP</td><td>The IUCN assessments plus the available information on the likely</td><td>Not required</td></tr></table> | PI | Species | MSC requirements for use of RBF | Situation in this fishery | Con-clusion | 1.1.1 | Walleye pollock (<i>Gadus chalcogrammus</i>) | Stock status reference points are available, derived either from analytical stock assessment or using empirical approaches | Reference points from an analytical stock assessment | Not required | 2.1.1 | Commander squid (<i>Berryteuthis magister</i>) | Reference points from an analytical stock assessment | Not required | 2.2.1 | Northern fulmar (<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>) | IUCN sets empirical reference values which are used to put these populations in a red list category – these can be regarded as empirical stock status reference points | Not required | Short-tailed shearwater (<i>Ardenna tenuirostris</i>) | Not required | Dall's porpoise (<i>Phocoenoides dalli</i>) | Not required | Spotted seal (<i>Phoca largha</i>) | Not required | Ribbon seal (<i>Histiophoca fasciata</i>) | Not required | 2.1.1 and 2.2.1 | Bycatch species not yet identified for the UoA | Stock status reference points are available, derived either from analytical stock assessment or using empirical approaches | Additional data on catch (retained non-quota species and discards) requested for the site visit may result in new primary or secondary species being identified, which may not have reference points. | May be required | 2.3.1 | Laysan albatross (<i>Phoebastria immutabilis</i>), | Can the impact of the fishery in assessment on ETP | The IUCN assessments plus the available information on the likely | Not required |
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| 2.2.1 | Northern fulmar (<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>) | | IUCN sets empirical reference values which are used to put these populations in a red list category – these can be regarded as empirical stock status reference points | Not required | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Short-tailed shearwater (<i>Ardenna tenuirostris</i>) | | | Not required | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Dall's porpoise (<i>Phocoenoides dalli</i>) | | | Not required | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Spotted seal (<i>Phoca largha</i>) | | | Not required | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ribbon seal (<i>Histiophoca fasciata</i>) | | | Not required | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.1.1 and 2.2.1 | Bycatch species not yet identified for the UoA | Stock status reference points are available, derived either from analytical stock assessment or using empirical approaches | Additional data on catch (retained non-quota species and discards) requested for the site visit may result in new primary or secondary species being identified, which may not have reference points. | May be required | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.3.1 | Laysan albatross (<i>Phoebastria immutabilis</i>), | Can the impact of the fishery in assessment on ETP | The IUCN assessments plus the available information on the likely | Not required | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | Black-legged kittiwake (<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>) | species be analytically determined? | number of interactions of the fishery with these species allow the impact of the fishery to be determined with reasonable confidence | Not required |
| | Red-legged kittiwake (<i>Rissa brevirostris</i>) | | | Not required |
| | Humpback whale (<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>) | | | Not required |
| | Steller sealion (<i>Eumetopias jubatus</i>) | | Information on the interactions with the fishery are not sufficient to determine the impact of the fishery on Steller sealions | Required |
| | Short-tailed albatross (<i>Phoebastria albatrus</i>) | | The population is sufficiently small that higher confidence is needed on fishery interactions to determine the impact | Required |
| 2.3.1 | ETP species not yet identified for the UoA | Can the impact of the fishery in assessment on ETP species be analytically determined? | Additional information from observers requested for the site visit may result in new ETP species being identified, where the impact of the fishery cannot be analytically determined. | May be required |
| 2.4.1 | Habitats | Are both of the following applicable: 1 Information on habitats encountered is available 2 Information of impact of fishery on habitats encountered is available | No habitats are encountered – midwater trawl fishery. Thus both of the statements are true. | Not required |
| 2.5.1 | Ecosystem | Is information available to support an analysis of the impact of the fishery on the ecosystem? | Extensive information is available on the ecosystem, its structure and function and main components. | Not required |

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