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**Alaska Groundfish Fisheries
Site Visit Scheduled
Re-certification and 4th annual surveillance**

MRAG Americas, Inc. announces that the MSC assessments of Alaska groundfish fisheries for Pacific cod, flatfish, and Alaska pollock in the Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands and the Gulf of Alaska are continuing the data gathering phase of the assessment process with a visit to the fisheries in May 2014. The assessment team will meet in Seattle from the 27th to the 30th of May. 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. The meeting will also serve as the 4th annual surveillance assessment for the fisheries.

MRAG invites stakeholders to provide any information considered relevant to the assessment of the fisheries. 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 GMT on 20 May. 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 http://www.msc.org/documents/get-certified/stakeholders/template_for_stakeholder_input. You may use the template or provide your response in any other format.

More information on the fisheries is available at:

<http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/pacific/gulf-of-alaska-pollock>,
<http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/pacific/bsai-pollock>,
<http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/pacific/gulf-of-alaska-flatfish>,
<http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/pacific/bering-sea-and-aleutian-islands-flatfish>,
<http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/pacific/gulf-of-alaska-pacific-cod>,
<http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/pacific/bering-sea-and-aleutian-islands-pacific-cod>.

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

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