

MSC Fishery Announcement

US North Pacific halibut and sablefish

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Table 1 – Fishery announcement

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| 1 | Fishery name |
| | US North Pacific halibut and sablefish |
| 2 | Assessment number |
| | Third Reassessment and Fourth Surveillance |
| 3 | Reduced reassessment (Yes/No) |
| | No |
| 4 | Statement that the fishery is within scope |
| | <p>The fishery under assessment has been found to meet scope requirements (FCP v2.1 7.4) for MSC fishery assessments as it</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Does not operate under a controversial unilateral exemption to an international agreement, use destructive fishing practices, target amphibians, birds, reptiles or mammals and is not overwhelmed by dispute; (FCP v2.1 7.4.2.1, 7.4.2.2, 7.4.3, 7.4.5) ✓ The fishery does not engage in shark finning, has mechanisms for resolving disputes (FCP v2.1 7.4.5.1), and has not previously failed assessment or had a certificate withdrawn. ✓ Is not an enhanced or IPI fishery, is not based on an introduced species (FCP v2.1 7.4.6, 7.4.7, 7.5.8-13) ✓ The fishery does not overlap with other MSC certified or applicant fisheries. ✓ And does not include an entity successfully prosecuted for violating forced labor laws (FCP v2.1 7.4.4) ✓ The units of assessment, certification, and eligible fishers have been defined, traceability risks characterized, and certificate sharing mechanisms decided (FCP v2.1 7.5.1-7.5.7) |
| 5 | Unit(s) of Assessment - UoA(s) |

| UoA 1 | Description |
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| Species | Halibut (<i>Hippoglossus stenolepis</i>) |
| Stock | US North Pacific halibut |
| Geographical area | Alaska, Washington |
| Harvest method / gear | Bottom-set longline hook and line |
| Fleets or groups of vessels | IFQ* permitted quota holding vessels fishing in the US North Pacific: Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands (BSAI), Gulf of Alaska (GOA) in the Alaskan EEZ & permitted fishers in waters found in IPHC Halibut area 2A, Washington state waters only. |
| Client group | Fishing Vessel Owner's Association and Deep Sea Fishermen's Union of the Pacific: for MSC purposes, Eat on the Wild Side |
| Other eligible fishers | Eligible (UoA) product landed at processors not currently included in certificate addendum. |
| UoA 2 | Description |
| Species | North Pacific Sablefish (<i>Anoplopoma fimbria</i>) |
| Stock | US North Pacific sablefish |
| Geographical area | Alaska |
| Harvest method / gear | Bottom-set longline hook and line |
| Fleets or groups of vessels | Federal IFQ (& CDQ) quota-holding vessels, fishing in US North Pacific: Alaska EEZ waters including: Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) and Gulf of Alaska (GOA) |
| Client group | Fishing Vessel Owner's Association and Deep Sea Fishermen's Union of the Pacific: for MSC purposes, Eat on the Wild Side |
| Other eligible fishers | Eligible (UoA) product landed at processors not currently included in certificate addendum. |
| UoA 3 | Description |
| Species | North Pacific Sablefish (<i>Anoplopoma fimbria</i>) |
| Stock | US North Pacific sablefish |
| Geographical area | Alaska |
| Harvest method / gear | Bottom-set longline pots |
| Fleets or groups of vessels | Federal IFQ (& CDQ) quota-holding vessels, fishing in US North Pacific: Alaska EEZ waters including: Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) and Gulf of Alaska (GOA) |

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| 6 | Certificate sharing statement | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Certificate Sharing is not applicable. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Name of proposed team leader | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <p><u>Andy Bystrom – SCS Global Services – Lead and Principle 2 & 3 Expert</u></p> <p>Mr. Bystrom has 12 years of industrial and small-scale fisheries management and sustainable development experience in the Americas and the Caribbean. He has consulted for diverse fishery stakeholder groups including the North Carolina dusky smooth hound fishery relating to the Shark Conservation Act S. 850, the High Seas Alliance and its work to develop a new UNCLOS implementing agreement in areas beyond national jurisdiction, the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism, the Costa Rican and Ecuadorian governments, the University of Costa Rica, and the UNDP. Prior to joining SCS Global Services in 2020, he managed a portfolio of fisheries and blue economy projects for Eastern Research Group, Inc. in North America, Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean.</p> <p>Mr. Bystrom's experience satisfies the MSC requirements for a Team Leader as described in PC2 (FCP v2.1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completed training meeting requirements in Table 1 of GCRV2.4, as evidenced by the certificate of passing auditor training for the ISO course 19011 ✓ Holds a Masters in natural resource management) and has over 10 years of experience in the fisheries sector related to research, development, and stakeholder management and facilitation ✓ Completed the latest MSC training modules applicable to this assessment within the past five years (V2.1 Team Leader MSC modules in February 2020) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Has undertaken several MSC fishery assessment and surveillance site visits as a team member including: Surveillance for the southern Gulf of California Thread Herring Fishery in Sinaloa & Nayarit Mexico, the Small Pelagics fishery in Sonora, Gulf of California, the Baja Mexico Red Rock Lobster fishery, and the Mexican Pacific coast Industrial Shrimp fishery ✓ Has demonstrated experience in applying different types of interviewing and facilitation techniques, as verified by SCS audit witness records and previous audit reports ✓ Is competent in the MSC Standard and current Certification Requirements, auditing techniques, and communication and stakeholder facilitation techniques, as verified by the completion of ISO 19011 auditor training. ✓ Has affirmed he has no conflict of interest in conducting this assessment |
| 8 | Name(s) of proposed team members |
| | <p><u>Dr. Jesus Jurado-Molina – Principle 1 Expert</u></p> <p>Dr. Jurado Molina graduated from the University of Washington where he got his PhD (Fisheries). His work has been focused on fisheries, fisheries management, and ecosystem based fisheries management. He is author of sixteen papers, two books and several technical reports. His international experience produced publications on fisheries from the eastern Bering Sea to the South Pacific Ocean on topics ranging from small-scale fisheries to the World’s largest tuna fishery. Currently he is member of the Mexican Sistema Nacional de Investigadores (SNI) and works at the Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana as full time professor and does private consulting. Throughout his career, Dr. Jurado-Molina has published a number of scientific journals and symposium proceedings on the management and evaluation of Mexican fisheries.</p> <p>Dr. Jurado-Molina’s experience satisfies the MSC requirements for a Team Member as described in PC2 (FCP v2.1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ With relevant degree (Ph.D. in Fisheries) and over 5 years of research experience in management or research experience in a marine conservation biology, fisheries, natural resources or environmental management position ✓ Has passed the MSC compulsory training modules for Team Members within the last 5 years (May 28, 2019). ✓ Affirms he has no conflict of interest in conducting this assessment. |
| 9 | Stakeholder opportunities |
| | <p>The following are the the opportunities for stakeholders to participate during the assessment process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Announcement Comment Draft Report</i> – 60 days for stakeholder input (30 days if Re-Assessment) 2. <i>Site Visit</i> – (Details in section 12 of this Announcement)- All members of the team are available to meet with stakeholders in person or remotely. 3. <i>Peer Review College</i> – registered stakeholders can inform the Peer Review College regarding any potential conflicts of interest of the peer reviewers proposed. 4. <i>Public Comment Draft Report</i> – 30 days for stakeholder submissions of any new information relating to the fishery that the team should consider in the assessment of the fishery, from stakeholders who provided written input on the Announcement Comment Draft report or attended the site visit (in person or remotely) 5. <i>Objection to Final Draft Report and Determination</i>– 15 calendar days open to objections from stakeholders that participated in previous consultation opportunities. |

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| | <p>The following are the input methods for stakeholders to participate during the assessment process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ SCS will only accept stakeholder input as public record if submitted using the 'MSC Template for Stakeholder Input into Fishery Assessments', or if raised at the site visit in person or remotely (FCP v2.1, 7.15.3) ■ Stakeholders must provide objective evidence and references in support of any claims or any claimed errors of fact (FCP v2.1, 7.15.4) ■ SCS encourages stakeholders not to withhold information, and SCS will not permit use of confidential information for reference within an assessment, as basis for determination of an assessment outcome, or as basis for an objection to certification. Confidential information is restricted to defined exceptions listed in FCP v2.1 (4.3.3). <p>Click here for the hyperlink to the: MSC Template for Stakeholder Input Fishery Assessment</p> |
| 10 | Assessment tree to be used |
| | The default V2.01 assessment tree is to be used without modification. |
| 11 | Estimated timeline |
| | <p>The reassessment is planned for completion within 12 months of the fishery announcement, with a certification date predicted for the start of July 2021, if the assessment result is positive.</p> <p>A separate assessment timeline is included in the announcement materials which includes projected approximate dates for key versions of the report.</p> |
| 12 | Site visit |
| | <p>SCS invites participants to attend the remote site visit is tentatively scheduled for October 28-29, 2020. All members of the team are available to meet remotely with stakeholders in person or remotely. If the site visit date changes, registered stakeholders will be informed.</p> <p>Any parties (individuals or organizations) interested in providing input at the remote on-site meetings or via email, and/or in being directly informed of future stakeholder announcements, please contact SCS at abystrom@scsglobalservices.com with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ your name and contact details; ■ your association with the fishery; and ■ the issues you would like to discuss (in order for us to arrange appropriate representation). |
| 13 | Assessment tree modifications |
| | NA |

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| 2.01 | 28 March 2019 | Minor document change for usability |

A controlled document list of MSC program documents is available on the [MSC website](http://msc.org) (msc.org)

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