



Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Certification

American Western Fish Boat Owners Association (WFOA) Albacore Tuna (*Thunnus alalunga*) North Pacific Fisheries¹,

Confirmation of Peer Reviewers

Global Trust Certification Ltd is please to confirm the peer reviewers for the above fisheries. They will review the draft peer review report as required under the MSC Principles & Criteria for Sustainable Fishing. The expected timeframe for the peer review process is from the 4th to the 23rd of October 2009. Below are their names and a short description of experience.

Dr. Haritz Arrizabalaga

Haritz Arrizabalaga has a PhD in Marine Science. Currently he works as Principal Investigator in AZTI Tecnalia leading research projects about Albacore Tuna and Bluefin Tuna fisheries and population dynamics. He has participated in over 15 national and international research projects, and has been an active member of the Standing Committee for Research and Statistics (SCRS) of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna for the last 10 years. He is the convener of the SCRS Subcommittee on Ecosystems since 2006, and also participated in the Scientific Committee of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) between 2000-2002. His main research areas include tuna population structure, stock assessment, environmental influence on population dynamics, habitat use, migrations and ecology. He regularly supervises master and PhD students and has published 14 peer reviewed papers, co-edited one book and contributed over 30 working documents in both ICCAT and IOTC.

Dr. Panayiota Apostolaki

¹ Fisheries: The North Pacific albacore (*Thunnus alalunga*) stock targeted by two fishing methods (i.e. Pole & Line and Troll & Jig)

Panayiota Apostolaki is PhD in Environmental Sciences. Her PhD topic was the evaluation of the effectiveness of alternative measures for the management of fisheries catching highly migratory species. She is currently Head of Marine System Dynamics Group and Fishery Advisor with the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science, UK. Her expertise includes tuna and tuna-like species biology and fisheries management issues through extended work on bluefin tuna, swordfish and sharks and contribution to relevant ICCAT stock assessment meetings. She is providing scientific advice on fishery management and sustainability issues related to a wide range of fisheries including multigear and multi-species, has good knowledge of U.S. and European environmental legislation, and experience in reviewing MSC fishery assessment reports. She has also contacted reviews of the evaluation processes followed by the Blue Ocean Institute in New York to produce its ranked list of seafood (elasmobranch section) and assess of the sustainability of shark fisheries in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and is member of the US Centre of Independent Experts (CIE). She has published peer review papers on international journals and contributed over 10 working documents in ICCAT.

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