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FREEZER-LONGLINE PACIFIC COD FISHERY ASSESSMENT TEAM

Scientific Certification Systems, an MSC accredited certification body, has selected an assessment team to review and evaluate the freezer-longline portion of the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Pacific cod fishery against the Marine Stewardship Council's principles and criteria for sustainable fishing. The client for this fishery is Bering Select Seafoods Company.

The three members of the assessment team, which were chosen by Scientific Certification Systems, Inc. (SCS) are:

Dr. Bob Trumble, MRAG Americas

Dr. Trumble, a marine scientist for 35 years, has wide-ranging experience in marine fish science and management, fishery habitat protection, and oceanography. Dr. Trumble served 14 years as Senior Biologist of the International Pacific Halibut Commission in Seattle, Washington, 10 years as a Resource Manager for the Washington Department of Fisheries (now named the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife) in Seattle, Washington, and six years with the US Naval Oceanographic Office in Washington, D.C. Dr. Trumble has written Environmental Impact Statements and Environmental Assessments with the North Pacific, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, developed and reviewed fishery management plans and habitat management plans, developed plans for estimating and controlling bycatch of Pacific halibut by groundfish fisheries, and researched basic fish biology as it affects fisheries. Dr. Trumble has extensive experience working with government agencies, commercial and recreational fisheries groups, and national and international advisory groups.

Dr. David Agnew, MRAG (UK)

Dr. Agnew has extensive experience in the conservation and management of marine living resources worldwide. Since 1982, Dr. Agnew has specialized internationally in both tropical and high latitude fisheries. Experienced senior level manager and strategic planner, with diverse diplomatic and overseas experience, Dr. Agnew is currently head of a research group at Imperial College, London, and consultant to the UK Government on CCAMLR and Antarctic marine living resource issues. Dr. Agnew's experience includes fisheries assessment, mathematical modelling, programming, statistical analysis, survey design, advice on fisheries management and licensing policy especially of foreign fleets, analysis and advice on Monitoring, Control and Surveillance options, development of

ecosystem approaches in fisheries, mitigation of fishery impacts on birds, and ecosystem assessment. Dr. Agnew is regularly a speaker and significant contributor to international meetings on fisheries management and conservation.

Dr. Ray Hilborn, University of Washington

Ray Hilborn is a Richard C. and Lois M. Worthington Professor of Fisheries Management in the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, University of Washington specializing in natural resource management and conservation. He was a scientific advisor to the Presidents Commission on Ocean Policy, served on the Ocean Studies Board of the National Research Council and at present serves as an advisor to the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna. He currently serves on the editorial boards of the Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, the New Zealand Journal of Marine and Freshwater Research, Fish and Fisheries, Reviews in Fish Biology and Fisheries, and Natural Resource Modelling. He teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in aquatic resource conservation. Significant areas of current and past research interest include the biocomplexity of coupled natural human systems in Bristol Bay Alaska and the California coastal fisheries, Bayesian analysis of decision making in natural resources, the role of hatcheries in management of Pacific salmon, the ability of institutions to learn from experience, statistical methods in testing dynamic ecological hypotheses, the analysis of migration and dispersal from mark-recapture data, and the ecological dynamics of fishing fleets.

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