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Certificate of Conformity

MSC Fisheries

MRAG Americas certifies that

ALASKA SALMON FISHERY

Pacific Seafood Processors Association

1900 W Emerson PI #205

Seattle, WA 98199

meets the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Principles and Criteria for Sustainable Fishing, and that the fishery is well managed and sustainable.

Unit of Certification:

Species: *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*, *keta*, *kisutch*,
gorbuscha, *nerka*

Geographical areas: Southeast, Yakutat,
Copper/Bering Districts, Upper and lower Cook
Inlet, Bristol Bay, Yukon River, Kuskokwim,
Kottzebue, Norton Sound, Kodiak, Chignik,
Peninsula and Aleutians

Harvest method: Purse seine, drift gillnet,
troll, set gillnet, beach seine, fish wheel

Certificate Issued by:

MRAG Americas Certification Committee

Signature

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Management System: Alaska salmon is primarily managed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the Alaska's Board of Fisheries. In addition, Alaska's Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy and the Pacific Salmon Treaty (PST) also provides guidance to the salmon management regimes that provide updated information on stock status, harvest guidelines. About 167 million salmon have been commercially harvested since 2000. Alaska fishermen can only participate in the commercial salmon fisheries by holding limited entry permit or by working as a crew member for a limited entry permit holder.

Chain of Custody: For the Alaska salmon fisheries, all landings are recorded and reported through fish tickets. Processing occurs predominately at shore-side plants where landings are monitored by fishery enforcement officers and recorded by each licensed processing facility. Each processor controls the transport of its product from landing locations to processing facilities. Sufficient monitoring takes place to identify the fishery of origin for all landed Alaska salmon, allowing a Chain of Custody to be established from the point of landing forward for all products derived from the fishery.



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Units of Certification:

Regulatory Area	Gear Types	Sockeye	Chinook	Coho	Pink	Chum
Southeast	Purse seine, drift gillnet, troll	X	X	X	X	X
Yakutat	Set gillnet, troll	X	X	X	X	
Copper/Bering Districts	Drift gillnet	X	X	X		
Lower Cook Inlet	Purse seine, set gillnet	X			X	X
Upper Cook Inlet	Drift gillnet, set gillnet	X	X	X	X	X
Bristol Bay	Drift gillnet, set gillnet	X	X		X	X
Yukon River	Beach seine, drift gillnet, set gillnet, fish wheel		X	X		X
Kuskokwim	Drift gillnet, set gillnet	X	X	X		X
Kotzebue	Set gillnet					X
Norton Sound	Set gillnet	X	X	X	X	X
Kodiak	Purse seine, beach seine, set gillnet	X	X	X	X	X
Chignik	Purse seine	X	X	X	X	X
Peninsula and Aleutians	Purse seine, beach seine, drift gillnet, set gillnet	X		X	X	X



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Inseparable or Practically Inseparable (IPI) catches which are eligible to enter certified chains of custody within the units of certification:

Regulatory Area	Sockeye	Chinook	Coho	Pink	Chum
SEAK	Non-local X	Non-local X	Non-local X	Non-local X	Non-local X
Yakutat	Non-local X	Non-local X	Non-local X		Non-target X
Copper/Bering Districts				Non-target X	Non-target X
Lower Cook Inlet		Non-target X	Non-target X		
Upper Cook Inlet					
Bristol Bay			Non-target X		
Yukon River	Non-target X			Non-target X	
Kuskokwim				Non-target X	
Kotzebue	Non-target X	Non-target X	Non-target X		
Norton Sound					
Kodiak					
Chignik					
Peninsula and Aleutians		Non-target X			



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The following MSC certified species from this fishery may be marketed as certified under a catch sharing agreement.

Chinook salmon	<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>
Chum salmon	<i>Oncorhynchus keta</i>
Coho salmon	<i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i>
Pink salmon	<i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i>
Sockeye salmon	<i>Oncorhynchus nerka</i>



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This certificate extends to the point at which the following eligible client group members take ownership of Sockeye, Chinook, Coho, Pink and Chum salmon from the fishery.

Current eligible client group members can be found at the following link:

<http://www.pspafish.net/index.php/members/msc-alaska-salmon-client-group/>.

The client group members are eligible to sell fish from the certified Alaska Salmon fishery as MSC according to the attached agreement between ASPA and PSPA.

**AGREEMENT TO CHANGE MARINE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL CLIENT AND
TRANSFER CERTIFICATE FOR THE ALASKA SALMON FISHERY**

This agreement is entered into this 20th day of July, 2015, by and between the Alaska Salmon Processors Association, a non-profit Alaska corporation (hereinafter referred to as "ASPA") and the Pacific Seafood Processors Association, a non-profit Alaska corporation (hereinafter referred to as "PSPA").

RECITALS

- A. In November 2013 Intertek Fisheries Certification Ltd. submitted a Public Certificate Report recertifying that the Alaska salmon fishery ("fishery") had been assessed and conforms to the Marine Stewardship Council ("MSC") principals and criteria for sustainable fishing, and thereafter issued a Certificate of Compliance MML-F-156 ("Certificate") valid from November 12, 2013 until November 11, 2018.
- B. At the time of recertification Purse Seine Vessels Owners Association ("PSVOA"), a non-profit Washington corporation, was the MSC client and Certificate holder for the fishery.
- C. On May 6, 2014 PSVOA withdrew as the MSC client for the fishery and was replaced by ASPA, which currently remains the Certificate holder (Exhibit A).
- D. On April 28, 2015 ASPA published a certificate sharing letter on the MSC website setting forth client group eligibility and the mechanism for sharing of costs associated with the fishery assessment and on-going surveillances (Exhibit B).
- E. The ASPA eligible client group is presently comprised of eleven (11) seafood companies as set forth in the May 18, 2015 client group member list posted on the MSC website (Exhibit C).
- F. ASPA seeks to withdraw as the client for the fishery and for PSPA to become the new client and Certificate holder.
- G. Both parties believe this client change will allow for continuous and uninterrupted MSC certification of the fishery and is in the best long-term interests of the Alaska salmon industry.
- H. NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed by and between the undersigned parties as follows:
 - 1. No later than October 1, 2015 ASPA will withdraw as the fishery client and take all necessary steps to ensure that PSPA becomes the new client.
 - 2. The PSPA certificate sharing letter that will be posted on the MSC website on or after October 1, 2015 shall include the following:

- a. The client group shall be comprised of those current ASPA members as set forth in Exhibit C and such other eligible Alaska salmon processors and other entities as identified in the Certificate.
 - b. An equitable cost sharing mechanism for all client group members relating to the ongoing surveillances and future assessments of the fishery.
 - c. The non-ASPA client group members shall have access to the Certificate and related chain of custody only for Alaska salmon harvested in 2016 through 2018; and under no circumstances shall PSPA extend or share the Certificate to members for Alaska salmon harvested in 2013, 2014 and 2015 and related inventories.
- 3.
4. In the event PSPA elects to no longer serve as the fishery client under the existing Certificate or for purposes of recertifying the fishery beyond 2018 then it will immediately withdraw as the client and take no action to impede ASPA from resuming as the MSC fishery client.
 5. Both parties and their individual members which purchase and process Alaska salmon release and discharge the other and MSC from any claim or cause of action regarding events arising out of this Agreement except for the obligations provided for in paragraphs 1 through 6 of this Agreement.
 6. After reasonable efforts to negotiate a resolution, any controversy or claim arising out of this Agreement shall be submitted to arbitration for resolution, which arbitration shall be conducted in Seattle, Washington before attorney Lou Peterson, in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. Any arbitration award or decision, including injunctive relief, may be confirmed as a judgment or order in a court of competent jurisdiction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed the day and year first written above.

Alaska Salmon Processors Association

BY: 

Robert Zuanich
Executive Director

Pacific Seafood Processors Association

BY: 

Glenn Reed
President

Exhibit C. Former ASPA Client Group Members

10th & M Seafoods

Copper River Seafoods

Extreme Seafoods

Hoonah Cold Storage

Double E Foods, LLC

Silver Bay Seafoods, LLC

Seafood Producers Cooperative

E.C. Phillips and Son Inc.

Ekuk Fisheries LLC

International Seafoods of Alaska, Inc.

The Auction Block Company