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# Certificate of Conformity MSC Fisheries

# **MRAG** Americas certifies that

Gulf of Alaska Pacific Cod Demersal Trawl Fishery
Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation
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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: Gadus macrocephalus

Geographical area: Gulf of Alaska Area 67

Harvest method: Demersal Trawl

Stock: Pacific Cod - Gulf of Alaska

Certificate Issued by:

**MRAG Americas Certification Committee** 

**Signature** 



This Certificate is the property of MRAG Americas, and its use is subject to conformance with the standards of the Marine Stewardship Council.



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**Management System:** Pacific cod are managed under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act, MSA), with management recommendations from the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC) and implementation through the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Under the MSA, the NMFS must manage fisheries to maintain optimum yield (OY) by rebuilding overfished fisheries and preventing overfishing. Alaska manages a small portion of the Pacific cod fishery in state waters.

**Chain of Custody:** Traceability of product to the point of offload is excellent, and BSAI Pacific cod may enter the MSC certified chain of custody. Product is generally processed at sea and landed as headed and gutted, frozen fillet blocks and individually frozen fillets; unprocessed fish may be landed at on-shore processing facilities. Chain of custody starts after the first point of sale; the first purchaser must obtain CoC certification. All licensed Pacific cod fishing vessels in the GOA may participate in the fishery.

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

Yellowfin sole	Pleuronectes asper also known as Limanda aspera
Flathead sole	Hippoglossoideselassodon
Arrowtooth flounder	Atherethestomias
Alaska plaice	Pleuronectesquadrituberculatus
Northern rock sole	Lepi dopsetta polyxystra
Kamchatka flounder	Atherethesevermanni
Alaska pollock	Theragra chalcogramma or Gaduschalcogrammus

Bering Sea Aleutian Islands Cod Client Companies Authorized to Sell MSC Certified Pacific Cod:

http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/pacific/bering-sea-and-aleutian-islands-pacific-cod/reassessment-downloads-folder/20140515\_Client\_List\_COD14.pdf

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