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Certificate of Conformity MSC Fisheries

MRAG Americas certifies that

Bering Sea Aleutian Islands Pacific Cod Demersal Trawl Fishery Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation P.O. Box 2223 Wrangell, AK 99929-2223 USA

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: Bering Sea Aleutian Islands Area 67

Harvest method: Demersal Trawl

Stock: Pacific Cod - Bering Sea Aleutian Islands

Certificate Issued by: MRAG Americas Certification Committee

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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: 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 for at-sea processors starts on board at delivery to the factory. Chain of custody for unprocessed onshore landings starts upon landing to a processing facility.

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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	Hippoglossoides elassodon
Arrowtooth flounder	Atheresthes stomias
Alaska plaice	Pleuronectes quadrituberculatus
Northern rock sole	Lepidopsetta polyxystra
Kamchatka flounder	Atheresthes evermanni
Alaska pollock	Theragra chalcogramma or Gadus chalcogrammus

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

<u>http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-</u> program/certified/pacific/bering-sea-and-aleutian-islands-pacific-cod/reassessmentdownloads-folder/20140515 Client List COD14.pdf

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