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Certificate of Conformity

MSC Fisheries

MRAG Americas certifies that
BSAI and GOA Flatfish Fishery

Alaska Seafood Cooperative
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**meets the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Fisheries Standard,
and that the fishery is well-managed and sustainable.**

Unit of Certification:

Species: Kamchatka flounder (*Atheresthes evermanni*), Arrowtooth flounder (*Atheresthes stomias*), Flathead sole (*Hippoglossoides elassodon*), Northern rock sole (*Lepidopsetta polyxystra*), Yellowfin sole (*Pleuronectes asper*, *Limanda aspera*), Alaska plaice (*Pleuronectes quadrituberculatus*), Rex sole (*Glyptocephalus zachirus*), Southern rock sole (*Lepidopsetta bilineata*)

Harvest method: Demersal trawl

Geographical area: Northeast Pacific, FAO 61 and FAO 67

Stock: Bering Sea Aleutian Islands – Kamchatka flounder, Arrowtooth flounder, Flathead sole, Northern rock sole, Yellowfin sole, Alaska plaice
Gulf of Alaska – Arrowtooth flounder, Flathead sole, Northern rock sole, Rex sole, Southern rock sole

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Fisheries Certificate Schedule

BSAI and GOA Flatfish Fishery

Client/Certificate Holders:
Alaska Seafood Cooperative

Management System: The BSAI and GOA flatfish fisheries are managed under the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) BSAI Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP), the GOA FMP and the Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Act (MSRA). The geographical extent of the FMP management area is the U.S. EEZ of the BSAI and the GOA. The NPFMC BSAI management area is divided into subareas, BS and AI.

Chain of Custody: Flatfish landed by catcher-processors and motherships are generally processed at sea as frozen block products, including headed-and-gutted, whole round, heads, and tails. Other product forms that qualify for MSC CoC include frozen fillets and fillet blocks, minced product, surimi, fish oil, and fish meal. Processing at sea aboard catcher-processors and motherships is covered under this fishery certificate. Producers that process product at sea therefore require CoC certification for their trading activity (sales) only, and storage, transport, and further processing must fall under the CoC of the receiving company. Chain of custody therefore begins with the first sale of processed product from the producer or producer's sales agent. Flatfish not processed at sea are landed at onshore processing facilities which produce the same general product forms as in the at sea processing sector. Chain of custody for unprocessed onshore landings starts upon landing at a processing facility. Onshore processing facilities require CoC certification for primary processing in order to sell product as MSC-certified.



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Flatfish client companies authorized to sell MSC certified BSAI and GOA flatfish:

Fishermen's Finest, Inc.; North Star Fishing Co.; Ocean Peace, Inc.; O'Hara Corporation;
United States Seafoods, LLC; Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association; Golden Fleece, Inc.;
International Seafoods of Alaska, Inc.; North Pacific Processors (dba Alaska Pacific
Seafoods); OBI Seafoods LLC; Pacific Seafoods Group (dba Islands Seafoods); Trident
Seafoods; Glacier Fish Company; Silver Bay Seafoods

The following MSC Certified species may be marketed as certified under a catch sharing agreement:

Alaska pollock (*Theragra chalcogramma* or *Gadus chalcogrammus*) and Pacific cod (*Gadus macrocephalus*)