

# FISHERY By-Product SURVEILLANCE REPORT

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<b>FISHERY By-Product:</b>	<b>Pelagic Shelf Rockfish (Dusky Rockfish - <i>Sebastes variabilis</i>)</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Alaska EEZ</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>14/06/2011</b>
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1. APPLICATION DETAILS AND SUMMARY OF THE ASSESSMENT OUTCOME		
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1. Scope of Assessment		
1. Scope of Assessment		By-Product surveillance
2. Fishery By-Product		
2. Fishery By-Product		Pelagic Shelf Rockfish ( <i>Sebastes variabilis</i> )
3. Fishery By-Product Location		
3. Fishery By-Product Location		Alaska EEZ
4. Fishery Method		
4. Fishery Method		Benthic and demersal trawls.
5. Outcome of Assessment		
5. Outcome of Assessment		Approve

## 2. GUIDANCE FOR ONSITE ASSESSMENT

“Pelagic Shelf Rockfish” refers to an assemblage of rockfish species caught almost exclusively with bottom trawls. Dusky Rockfish (*Sebastes variabilis*) account for about 98% of the commercial catch from Pelagic Shelf Rockfish fisheries. Other minor species include Dark Rockfish (*S. ciliatus*), Yellowtail Rockfish (*S. flavidus*), and Widow Rockfish (*S. entomelas*).

Auditor to ensure that fish used by the factory is obtained from Alaska or federally-managed fisheries (i.e. within 200nm of US coastline).

## 3. ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION

Alaska Pelagic Shelf Rockfish fisheries are subject to state or federal management and enforcement regimes which are based on scientific research. None of the species making up the assemblage has been evaluated by the IUCN.

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**4. RATIONALE OF THE ASSESSMENT OUTCOME**

**A. THE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK AND PROCEDURE**

LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE	
<i>The management of the fishery used to produce the By-Product must include a legal and administrative basis for the implementation of measures and controls to support the management of the fishery.</i>	
<b>LOW</b>	An administrative framework that ensures an efficient management of the fishery is not established.
<b>MEDIUM</b>	An administrative framework that ensures an efficient management of the fishery is somehow established, but there is evidence of not being efficient to ensure the management of the stock.
<b>HIGH</b>	A legal and administrative framework that ensures an efficient management of the fishery is established and works efficiently.

**Determination: A legal and administrative framework that ensures an efficient management of the fishery is established and works efficiently.** H

**Administrative and legal framework**

The State of Alaska manages groundfish fishery resources within state territorial waters (i.e. 0-3 nm from shore). The Alaska Board of Fisheries was established under Alaska Statute 16.05 and has control over the setting of fishing seasons, quotas, harvest levels, fishing methods and other aspects of Alaska fishery management (R1). Chapter 28 of the Alaska Commercial Fisheries regulations describes a detailed framework for the regulation of Alaska groundfish fisheries (including pollock, Pacific cod, sablefish, Atka mackerel, lingcod and numerous rockfish and flatfish species) (R2). These regulations define permitted gear types, fishing regions, seasons, permit requirements, TACs and distribution of TACs between commercial and other fisheries, and landing requirements.

Fisheries 3-200 nm from the Alaska coastline are managed by the US National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under federal Fishery Management Plans (R3). The Office of Sustainable Fisheries (OSF), which is part of the NMFS, implements the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006 by mandating annual catch limits and accountability measures.

**Compliance**

State regulations (i.e. fisheries 0-3 nm from the Alaska coast) are enforced by the Marine Enforcement Section of the Division of Alaska Wildlife Troopers (R4). Federal regulations are enforced by the Alaska Division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Law Enforcement (R5).

**Management plans for Pelagic Shelf Rockfish**

Pelagic Shelf Rockfish fisheries are managed under Groundfish Fishery Management plans which set out specific quotas, seasons, gear restrictions, permits and other management tools for the assemblage as part of the group 'Other Rockfish' (R6). The assemblage is therefore managed as part of a larger group of Rockfish species.

B. STOCK ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES AND MANAGEMENT ADVICE		
LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE		
<i>B. Research in support of fisheries management should exist.</i>		
<b>LOW</b>	Research to support the management of the stock does not exist	
<b>MEDIUM</b>	Research to support the management of the stock exists, however research programmes could be significantly improved to decrease scientific advice uncertainty.	
<b>HIGH</b>	Research to support the management of the stock exists, and research programmes for provision of scientific advice are considered adequate.	
<p><b><i>Determination: Research to support the management of the stock exists, and research programmes for provision of scientific advice are considered adequate.</i></b></p> <p>Management policy is based on scientific analysis of survey and fishery data. The Alaska Fisheries Science Centre used mortality, biomass and spawning data to determine that the Allowable Biological Catch (ABC) for 'Other Rockfish' species in 2010 was 1,040 tons (R7); correspondingly, the TAC for 'Other Rockfish' in 2010 was set at 1,040 tons.</p>		<b>H</b>
C. STOCK STATUS		
LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE		
<i>C. The fish used to produce the fish By-Product is not considered to be critically at risk of over exploitation in accordance with the IUCN guidance.</i>		
<b>LOW</b>	The fish By-Product must not come from a species that is listed as extinct, or critically endangered.	
<b>MEDIUM</b>	The fish By-Product is from a species that is classified as vulnerable, but has a management regime in place that will control the level of fishing permitted. Or if a species is deemed to be endangered but the sub-group from where the fish By-Product is harvested is deemed scientifically to be at no risk of over exploitation.	
<b>HIGH</b>	The fish By-Product comes from a fishery that is not deemed to be at risk of over exploitation from fishing activities.	
<p><b><i>Determination: The fish used to produce the By-Product has not been classified by the IUCN; however, NOAA, AFSC and the Alaska Board of Fisheries do not consider this assemblage to be overfished.</i></b></p> <p>The Dusky Rockfish has not been evaluated by the IUCN; nor have any of the minor rockfish species included within the Pelagic Shelf Rockfish assemblage.</p>		<b>M</b>

## 5. REFERENCES

R1 – Alaska Department of Fish and Game

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.main>

R2 – Alaska Department of Fish and Game – Commercial Fisheries Legislation

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishregulations.commercial>

R3 – National Marine Fisheries Service

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/>

R4 – Division of Alaska Wildlife Troopers – Marine Enforcement Section

<http://www.dps.alaska.gov/AWT/Marine.aspx>

R5 – Office of Law Enforcement – Alaska Division

[http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ole/ak\\_alaska.html](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ole/ak_alaska.html)

R6 – Pacific Ocean Perch management plan details

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/fishwatch/species/pop.htm>

R7 – National Marine Fisheries Office – Alaska regional office groundfish harvest specification tables.

[http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/specs10\\_11/bsaitable1.pdf](http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/specs10_11/bsaitable1.pdf)

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