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Certificate of Conformity

MSC Fisheries

MRAG Americas certifies that

BSAI and GOA Pacific Cod Fishery

Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation
P.O. Box 2223
Wrangell, AK 99929-2223 USA

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

Unit of Certification:

Species: Pacific cod (*Gadus macrocephalus*)

Harvest method: Demersal trawl, longline,
jig, and pot

Geographical area: US Federal EEZ and
State Waters of the Bering Sea Aleutian
Islands and the Gulf of Alaska, FAO 61 and
FAO 67

Stock: Pacific cod in the Bering Sea Aleutian
Islands and the Gulf of Alaska

Certificate Issued by:

MRAG Americas Certification Committee

Signature

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Client/Certificate Holders:

Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation

Management System: The BSAI and GOA Pacific cod fisheries 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: In the BSAI management area 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 on-shore landings starts upon landing to a processing facility.

In the GOA management area most Pacific cod are landed on shore unprocessed, with a portion being processed and frozen at-sea as headed and gutted, frozen blocks, and individually frozen fillets. Chain of custody for unprocessed on-shore landings starts upon delivery to a processing facility. Chain of custody for at-sea processors starts on board at delivery to the factory.





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Companies that may participate in the certified BSAI and GOA Pacific cod certificate are maintained on a list by the client group AFDF and are accessible at:

<https://www.afdf.org/sustainability/msc-pacific-cod/>

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

Yellowfin sole, Flathead sole, Arrowtooth flounder, Alaska plaice, Northern rock sole, Kamchatka flounder, Alaska pollock