

# Alaska Flatfish - Gulf of Alaska

## MSC status

Certified as sustainable on 1st June 2010.

## Summary

### Species:

Flathead sole (*Hippoglossoides elassodon*),  
Arrowtooth flounder (*Atheresthes stomias*),  
Rex sole (*Glyptocephalus zachirus*),  
Northern rock sole (*Lepidopsetta polyxystra*) and  
Southern rock sole (*L. bilineata*)

**Location:** Gulf of Alaska

**Fishing methods:** Otter trawl

**Number of fisheries:** 5

## The fishery: Unit of certification

The certified Gulf of Alaska flatfish fisheries are defined as:

<b>Species</b>	Flathead sole ( <i>Hippoglossoides elassodon</i> ), Arrowtooth flounder ( <i>Atheresthes stomias</i> ), Rex sole ( <i>Glyptocephalus zachirus</i> ), Northern rock sole ( <i>Lepidopsetta polyxystra</i> ) and Southern rock sole ( <i>L. bilineata</i> )
<b>Geographical range of fishing operations</b>	Gulf of Alaska
<b>Method of capture</b>	Otter trawl
<b>Stock</b>	Gulf of Alaska
<b>Management</b>	National Marine Fisheries Service North Pacific Fishery Management Council
<b>Client group</b>	Best Use Cooperative

<http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/pacific/gulf-of-alaska-flatfish/gulf-of-alaska-flatfish>