



Alaska Cod is RFM Certified

The Alaska cod fishery, long established as sustainable, has now achieved certification for Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM), indicating that it meets FAO criteria and guidelines accepted as international norms. This cost-effective, robust and accredited certification provides additional value for Alaska cod producers and processors selling in markets where independent third-party certification is desired.

"Alaska cod joins the other RFM Certified fisheries in Alaska and adds to the growing list of fisheries, such as those from Iceland and the U.S. Gulf of Mexico that recognize RFM as a credible, independent and efficient certification," states Randy Rice, Technical Director for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI)

RFM Certification has impeccable credentials, namely: ISO (International Organization for Standardization) accreditation. This means that any buyer can know that the assessment was conducted independently and in full conformance to established 3rd party certification methodology rules. ISO is an independent, non-governmental organization founded in 1947, made up of members from the national standards bodies of 163 countries. ISO is the world's foremost accreditation, is globally recognized, and covers literally thousands of standards. It is the recognized standard for Food Certification programs in Food Safety, Organic, Quality, and Traceability. Additionally, ISO delivers multiple layers of governance ensuring objectivity and integrity.

For more information about Alaska's responsible fisheries management and certification go to www.alaskaseafood.org.

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