



RFM Program of Work for Standards - December 2015
- January 2017

ASMI is currently working on the full reissue of the Standard through the Conformance Criteria Committee process. The goal will be to deliver a Version 2.0 to the ASMI board at the "All Hands" meeting in late October, 2016. The new fishery standard would then (pending on board approval) be ready to present to the Accreditation Board(s) November/December 2016.

The scope and geographic application of the proposed V2.0 RFM Standard will remain unchanged.

A few of the key elements in the reissue of the Version 2.0 standard are as follows: Addendum for Data Deficient Fisheries Assessment, modification of the scoring matrix to a numerical system, review of additional FAO documentation and related inclusion of some clauses, Inclusion of specific metrics and indicators and improved specificity of some clauses, Scoring and Guidance document improvements, rewording of complex clauses, general housekeeping and restructuring and fusion of clauses with overlapping requirements.

At this time, the RFM standard will not expand its scope to include socio-economic elements for assessment.

The objectives the Standard seeks to achieve remain unchanged and are listed in the RFM Quality Management System. <http://certification.alaskaseafood.org/rfm-quality-management-system> Recognition to the Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative (GSSI) Benchmarking tool as a new objective and is currently underway. <http://www.ourgssi.org/>

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Review Process and Timelines

Stage	Description	Target Date	Participants	Status
1	CCC Webinar to discuss Draft V2 RFM Standard framework initial comments from CCC	Dec 16, 2015	CCC, RFM Team & contracted experts. Open public meeting	Completed
2	Draft V2 RFM Standard enters a development Consultation Phase with the Conformance Criteria Committee and any and all interested parties. RFM Committee meets to discuss V2 RFM Standard	Jan-Mar 2016	CCC, contracted experts, interested parties, public, RFM Comm.	Completed
3	CCC suggestions for the V2 RFM Standard based on the consultations & comments	Jan-Mar 2016	CCC, RFM Team, contracted experts	Completed
4	CCC in-person meeting to continue working on Draft V2 RFM Standard	March 9,10 2016	CCC, RFM Team, contracted experts. Open public meeting	Completed
5	Incorporate CCC suggested edits/additions to Draft V2 RFM Standard	March 15 – April 30, 2016	CCC, RFM Team, contracted experts.	
6	Draft V2 RFM Standard goes out for 60-day public comment period	May 16 – July 15, 2016	Public and interested stake-holders	
7	Synthesize public comments to Draft V2 RFM Standard	July 15-August 30, 2016	RFM Team, contracted experts	
8	CCC in person meeting to review public comments on Draft V2 RFM Standard and make necessary changes	September 6-7, 2016	CCC, RFM Team & contracted experts. Open public meeting	
9	CCC Webinar. If needed as a follow up to the in person meeting to finalize V2 of the RFM Standard.	September 19-23, 2016	CCC, RFM Team, contracted experts. Open public meeting	
10	Create binders for ASMI Board Meeting	Early Oct 2016	RFM Team, contracted experts	
11	ASMI Board Meeting. Draft V2 RFM Standard presented to ASMI Board for approval	Late October 2016	ASMI Board. Open public meeting	

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12	New V2 RFM Standard posted on ASMI Website and all RFM relevant organizations notified.	Nov 2016	RFM Team	
13	New V2 Standard presented to Accreditation Boards for review and approval	Dec 2016 – Jan 2017	RFM Team, contracted experts, certification bodies	
14	Training and communication commences for new V2 RFM Standard	Nov 2016 – Q1 2017	RFM Team and contracted experts	

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