



Alaska RFM Program of Work / January 2017 - January 2018

The Alaska **RFM Fisheries Standard** is reviewed by the ASMI Fisheries Standard Committee for recommended changes. Details of this committee and relevant TOR's are available on the ASMI website. The current RFM Fisheries Standard is Version 1.3, November 2015.

ASMI is currently working on the full reissue of the Fishery Standard. The goal will be to deliver a Version 2.0 to the ASMI board at the "spring" meeting in May 2017. The new fishery standard would then (pending board approval) be ready to present to the Accreditation Board(s) Fall/Winter 2017-18.

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

Some 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, 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.

Review Process and Timelines

Stage	Description	Target Date	Participants	Status
1	FSC Webinars to discuss Draft V2 RFM Standard Changes.	Jan-March 2017	FSC, RFM Team & contracted experts.	Completed
2	Draft V2 RFM Standard enters a development Consultation Phase with the Fisheries Standard Committee and all interested parties. RFM Committee meets to discuss V2 RFM Standard.	Mar-April 2017	FSC, contracted experts, interested parties, public, RFM Comm.	Completed

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3	Incorporate FSC and RFM committee suggested edits/additions to Draft V2 RFM Standard	April 15 – May 1, 2017	RFM Team, contracted experts.	Completed
4	ASMI Board Meeting to approve V2.0 of the Fishery Standard	May 2017	ASMI Board. Open public meeting.	Completed
5	Review the Quality Management System (QMS) and Procedures 1-10 for clarity, readability and compliance with ISO 17065 and GSSI	June - September 2017	RFM Team, contracted experts	Ongoing
6	Finalize the QMS and Procedures	September – October 2017	RFM Team & contracted experts.	
7	ASMI Board Meeting. Draft of QMS and Procedures presented to ASMI Board for approval	November 2017	ASMI Board. Open public meeting	
8	New V2 RFM Standard posted on ASMI Website and all RFM relevant organizations notified.	Jan 2018	RFM Team	
9	New V2 Standard presented to Accreditation Boards and Certification Bodies.	Jan 2018 – Jan 2019	RFM Team, contracted experts,	
10	Training and communication commences for new V2 RFM Standard	Jan 2018 – Jan 2019	RFM Team and contracted experts	

Alaska RFM Program of Work for Chain of Custody (CoC)

The Alaska **RFM Chain of Custody Standard** is reviewed by the ASMI Technical Committee for recommended changes. Details of this committee and relevant TOR's are available on the ASMI website. The current RFM CoC Standard is Version 2.4, November 2015.

The following are key objectives for the RFM CoC Program:

- 1) How RFM CoC may be harmonized with other internationally recognized and GSSI aligned CoC standards

This aim is to reduce audit fatigue within the supply chain and to promote additional use of the Alaska RFM seal to support the RFM program. The scope and geographic application of the Alaska CoC standard will remain unchanged. The objectives of the standard will be alignment to the GSSI Benchmarking Tool.

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2) Update to the RFM Quality Management System (QMS) Procedures.

Technical Committee will review sections and Procedures relevant to the CoC Program. (Procedure 4 and QMS Sections 1-7)

Draft Review Process and Timelines

Stage	Description	Target Date	Participants	Status
1	Continue to explore harmonization - Commence Consultation phase with other CoC programs to establish if harmonization would be possible	Mar-Dec 2017	RFM Team, ASMI ED, Expert Consultants	Ongoing
2	Conduct gap analysis of RFM CoC standard with interested CoC programs	Nov 2017	RFM Team, RFM Committee, Expert Consultants	
3	Technical Committee: To review the finding of the harmonization gap analysis	Dec 2017	Technical Committee, RFM Team, Expert Consultants	
4	RFM/Technical Committee Webinar: To finalize review of CoC standard certification and supporting procedures	Oct 2017	Technical Committee, RFM Team, Expert Consultants	
5	ASMI Board Meeting: CoC Procedures presented for approval (as part of QMS)	Nov 2017 All Hands	ASMI Board, open public meeting	
6	New Procedures on website / Certification Bodies and all relevant RFM organizations notified	Q1 2018	RFM Team	

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