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## Coronavirus Announcement

Letter of Temporary Variance for site visits/audits associated with Chain of Custody and Fishery Certification Process

In response to the coronavirus outbreak and consideration of the well being of all persons participating in the Alaska RFM system the program is issuing this letter of variance to allow for the scheduling and conducting of remote site visits and audits for the Chain of Custody and Fisheries certificate holders.

The Alaska RFM Chain of Custody requirements (Alaska RFM Procedure 4 “Application to certification procedures for the Alaska CoC”) can be found at:

<https://uploads.alaskaseafood.org/2019/10/Procedure-4-Version-4.0-Final-Posting-New-RFM-Seal-102219.pdf>

This letter of variance allows for all required certifications/audits/recertifications on-site requirements found in Procedure 4: **Sections 4, 7.1 and 9.1** be waived until further notice.

The Alaska RFM Fishery Certification Process requirements (Alaska RFM Procedure 2 “Application to Certification Procedures for the Alaska RFM Fishery Standard Version 2.0”) can be found at:

<https://uploads.alaskaseafood.org/2019/10/Procedure-2-Version-5.0-Final-Posting-New-RFM-Seal-102219.pdf>

This letter of variance allows for all fishery certification audit activity requirements found in Procedure 2: **Section 4.1** to be waived until further notice.

The Alaska RFM program will continue to monitor the ongoing travel restrictions and precautions associated with the coronavirus with the hope that in the coming months these variances will no longer be needed. Upon such time these variances will be rescinded with at least 30 days’ notice.

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