



**Certified Seafood Collaborative RFM Program of Work**  
**July 1 2020 - December 2020**

**Program of Work for RFM Fisheries Standard**

The **RFM Fisheries Standard** is reviewed by the Certified Seafood Collaborative (CSC) Fisheries Standard Committee (FSC) for recommended changes. Details of this committee and relevant Terms of Reference (TOR) are available on the website. The current RFM Fisheries Standard is Version 2.0 (V2.0), May 2018.

With the full reissue of Fishery Standard (V2.0) and Guidance passed in May 2018, the RFM Program will be training Accreditation Bodies, Certification Bodies and Fishery Clients, concentrating on the following key areas of change:

- Addendum for Data Deficient Fisheries (DDF) 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.

The first fishery to use V2.0 was the Alaska Salmon Fishery which was successfully re-certified in June of 2020.

There was an extensive review and updating of the Quality Management System (QMS) that governs the RFM program. Those changes went into effect in January 2018.

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

## Review Process and Timeline

Stage	Description	Target Date	Participants	Status
1	New V2.0 Standard presented to Accreditation Boards and Certification Bodies	Dec 2019 - March 2020	RFM Team and contracted experts	Completed
2	Training and communication commence for new V2.0 RFM Standard	Oct 2019 - June 2020	RFM Team and contracted experts	Completed
3	FSC Webinars to discuss V2.0 RFM Implementation and programmatic changes	Dec 2019 -June 2020	RFM Team and contracted experts	Completed
4	RFM Glossary adopted by program	July 2020 -Dec 2020	RFM Team and contracted experts	In-Progress
5	Remain in alignment with GSSI	July 2020-Dec 2020	RFM Team and contracted experts	In-Progress

### **Program of Work for RFM Chain of Custody (CoC)**

The **CSC's RFM Chain of Custody Standard** is reviewed by the Technical Committee for recommended changes. The current RFM CoC Standard is Version 2.4 which was finalized and implemented in January 2016.

The following are key objectives for the RFM CoC Program:

- 1) Determine how RFM CoC may be harmonized with other internationally recognized and Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative (GSSI) aligned CoC standards.
- 2) Develop a joint CoC with Iceland that contains a multi-site component.
- 3) Update to the RFM Quality Management System (QMS) Procedure pertaining to the CoC.

This aim is to reduce audit fatigue within the supply chain and to promote additional use of the RFM logo to support the RFM program. The objective of the CoC Standard will be alignment to the GSSI Benchmarking Tool

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1	Develop a draft joint CoC with the Iceland RFM program	Dec 2019- Dec 2020	RFM Team/Iceland	Completed
2	Seek accreditation of the new joint CoC with a multi-site component	July 2020-Dec 2020	RFM Team/Iceland	Ongoing
3	Continue to explore harmonization with existing and in-development RFM programs	July 2020 -Dec 2020	RFM Team	Ongoing
5	CSC - RFM Owner Meeting: CoC Procedures presented for approval (as part of QMS)	Nov 2020	CSC - RFM Owner Meeting, RFM Team	Ongoing
6	New Procedures on website / Certification Bodies and all relevant RFM organizations Notified	Q4 2020	RFM Team	Ongoing