Alaska RFM Quick Reference Tool

- **Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) is a third-party certification program for wild-capture fisheries, similar to the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC), and Best Aquaculture Practices (BAP), and Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) on the aquaculture side.**
- **RFM provides Alaska fisheries and seafood customers with a credible and cost-effective choice in seafood certification.**
- **Similar to other wild-capture seafood certification programs, Alaska RFM provides credible standards for sustainable or responsible fishing and supply chain traceability.**
- **Alaska RFM has two certification standards:**

  1) Fisheries Standard
  2) Chain of Custody Standard (CoC)

- **Fisheries are independently assessed and scored against a set of criteria, and must meet these criteria in order to become certified. Certification is valid for five years with annual surveillance audits.**
- **Organizations in the supply chain must undergo a CoC audit to receive their CoC certification, which is valid for three years with annual surveillance audits.**
- **RFM allows companies to demonstrate responsible sourcing to their customers. This is important; as today's retailers and foodservice operators need to be sure they offer their customers seafood from fisheries that are certified through credible certification programs.**

Alaska RFM Key Attributes

- Based on internationally recognized criteria from the United Nation's FAO
- Consumer-facing eco-label – Alaska RFM Certified Seal has **ZERO logo-licensing fees**
- RFM Certified Seal allows companies to highlight certified sustainable seafood and preserve the Alaska Origin
- Third-party accredited program provides impartiality
- Sound governance structure
- Stakeholder engagement
- Chain of Custody certification provides traceability through the supply chain back to its origin
- Transparent and collaborative assessment process
- Recognized by credible organizations – 1st to be recognized by GSSI

Buying seafood from Alaska RFM certified fisheries provides documented third-party assurance of responsible seafood sourcing practices.

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