ASMI Opens Public Consultation on Alaska RFM Conformance Criteria

December 3, 2014, Juneau, AK - Today, the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI) opens its Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) Conformance Criteria, (Version 1.2), September 2011, for public review and comment. The 60-day online consultation will close on Monday, February 3, 2015.

All comments will be presented to the Alaska RFM Conformance Criteria Committee who will be formally reviewing the Standard.

To ensure the review process is inclusive, we are calling upon all parties with an interest in responsibly managed fisheries to review and offer their expertise and comments on the Alaska RFM Conformance Criteria. ASMI values all stakeholder input which is important to ensure the Alaska RFM Certification program remains consistent with UN FAO key reference documents.

How to Take Part in the Public Consultation:
The public consultation is open from December 3, 2014 to February 3, 2015. Share your view here

Continuous Improvement:
ASMI is dedicated to ensuring the Alaska RFM Certification program continues to provide the highest assurance of responsible fisheries management of Alaska’s fisheries. On May 28, 2014, ASMI posted its Alaska RFM Certification Program Improvement Work Plan. Progress made on the Improvement Work Plan was posted on October 27, 2014. Opening up the Alaska RFM Conformance Criteria to a 60-day public review and comment is one of the aspects of the work plan.

Key Dates:
* December 3, 2014 - February 3, 2015 - Accepting comments on Alaska RFM Conformance Criteria
* February 3, 2015 - Final day to submit comments

The Alaska RFM Conformance Criteria Committee will take into consideration all relevant comments before releasing the next version of the Alaska RFM Conformance Criteria.

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