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**STAKEHOLDERS**

Comprehensive engagement and representation of all stakeholders.

**TRANSPARENCY**

Open, collaborative, and transparent assessment process.

**IMPARTIAL**

Well defined, impartial, and conflict-free procedures.

**TRACKABLE**

Certified seafood that can be traced back through the supply chain.

**AFFORDABLE**

No legal, licensing fees, Fair Screening in time to go.

**ORIGIN**

With origins always linked include the harvest area, like in this example of Alaska RFM.

**CERTIFIED SEAFOOD COLLABORATIVE**

verifies the origins and other details of the seafood to verify the RFM certification.

**RFM CERTIFICATION**

Responsibility Fisheries Management Without Logo Licensing Fees
As one of the most credible choices for wild-capture sustainable fisheries certifications, Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) Certification provides a unique opportunity for the entire supply chain to have zero logo-cost proof their seafood comes from responsibly managed certified sustainable fisheries. Not all certifications offer this affordable accessibility.

RFM is a voluntary and internationally accredited assessment of whether a fishery meets strict criteria to be certified as meeting “responsible fisheries management.” It is a comprehensive certification program founded on four key components for evaluating fisheries: 1. the fisheries management system; 2. science and stock assessment activities; and 3. precautionary approach. Management measures, implementation, monitoring and control; 4. impacts of the fishery on the ecosystem.


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RFM provides a credible and affordable certification choice for customers who want to:
• Communicate the origin of the certified sustainable seafood
• Demonstrate proof of sustainable seafood sourcing
• Lower the cost barriers for all participants in the supply chain and, ultimately, for consumers

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Who Will Need Chain of Custody Certification?
If a customer buys seafood from a certified fishery and wishes to trace through the supply chain and back to the RFM certified fishery, this claim. This allows companies to demonstrate their commitment to responsibly sourcing through the supply chain and that only certified products bearing a statement certified fishery and gives confidence to all players of the supply chain. If it can be traced through the supply chain to the RFM certified fishery, RFM provides a comprehensive assessment of whether a fishery meets strict criteria to be certified. It is a comprehensive certification program founded on criteria, it is one of the strongest and most widely acknowledged international standards and practices. Based on United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) guidelines and documents. The RFM program consists of two seafood certification standards

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**Two Standards**
- The RFM program consists of two seafood certification standards that fisheries and the supply chain are assessed against:  
  - **FISHERIES STANDARD (FS)**  
  - **CHAIN OF CUSTODY STANDARD (CoC)**

**RPM Initial Certification and Recertification Assessment Stages**

1. Application and Applicant Review
2. Notification to Public/Shareholders
3. Assessment Certification Information Review
4. Site Visit, Assessment Report
5. External Peer Review
6. Draft Assessment Report for Public Comment
7. Final Assessment Report
8. Certification Decision

For more detail on assessment stages and annual surveillance audits go to [https://rfmcertification.org/about-rfm/how-it-works/](https://rfmcertification.org/about-rfm/how-it-works/)

Certification to the RFM Chain of Custody (CoC) Standard ensures traceability through the supply chain and that only verified products bearing an assessment released from a certified (Name of the Fishery) can make this claim. This allows companies to demonstrate their commitment to responsibly sourcing seafood from an independently assessed certified fishery and gives confidence to all levels of the supply chain that it can be traced back through the supply chain to the RFM certified fishery.

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**Steps for Using RFM Logo and Certification Claim**

- Chain of Custody Certification
- Chain of Custody
- RFM Certification
- Retailers & Food Service Operations
- Manufacturers
- Wholesalers
- Primary Producers/Packer
- Vessel Groups
- Secondary Producers/processors
- Consumers/Wholesalers
- Retailers

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### First to Be Recognized by GSSI

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### Key Features of RFM

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- **Stakeholders**: Comprehensive engagement at all levels of production, harvest, processing, and retail.
- **Transparency**: Open, collaborative and transparent business accountability.
- **Impartial**: Well-defined criteria and Good Practice Principles, ensuring unbiased evaluation.
- **Traceable**: Certified seafood that can be traced back through the supply chain.
- **Affordable**: No legal licensing fees, no barriers to entry into the supply chain.

### RFM Certified Species/Fisheries

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### RFM Certification

- **Verification of Responsible Fisheries Management Without Logo Licensing Fees**

- **Certificate of Authenticity**

- **Compliance**

- **Monitoring**

- **Certified Seafood Collaborative**

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