



Marine Stewardship Council
Certified sustainable seafood

Review of proposed changes to the MSC Fisheries Standard

Welcome to the review of the proposed changes to the MSC Fisheries Standard

This consultation is open to all stakeholders for 60 days from 1 February, closing on 4 April at 0700 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). An understanding of the MSC Fisheries Standard and certification process will help you effectively participate in this consultation.

Background to this consultation

The MSC carries out formal [reviews of the MSC Fisheries Standard](#) to make sure our assessment and certification system remain the leading measure of fisheries sustainability.

Since this current review started in 2018, the MSC has developed new policy through a rigorous multi-step, multi-stakeholder process, engaging with different sectors. Gathering evidence from a wide range of scientific sources to support our policies helps ensure our policies are effective at delivering the MSC's intent, feasible for fisheries to implement and acceptable to stakeholders. We have conducted our own research, reviewed research carried out by independent scientists, spoken directly with experts, solicited advice from our governance bodies and tested proposed revisions in mock assessments to ensure the proposed changes deliver MSC's intent, are feasible and auditable.

As part of this review we have already publicly consulted on those projects with the greatest complexity and potential to change the intent of the Standard or lead to high-impact changes to requirements. Many of those consultations were done to ensure that stakeholders agreed with the intent of any proposed revisions. More information on past consultations can be found on the [MSC website](#).

This [final review](#) of the draft revised MSC Fisheries Standard, certification process and guidance is focused on ensuring that the proposed revisions are effective at delivering their intended outcome and checking whether they are broadly acceptable to stakeholders.

You can find [draft versions of the proposed revised MSC Fisheries Standard and associated program documents](#) here.

Instructions for this survey

In this survey you will be shown a list of proposed changes and asked to indicate which changes you wish to comment on. The survey will then show you the questions related to those topics. You can provide comment on as many or as few topics as you would like.

On each topic page you will see links to background information. It is recommended that you read the background information closely before answering the questions.

A version of the Standard with tracked changes is available upon request by emailing standards@msc.org.

You may wish to to [download a PDF of the survey](#) in advance. This will allow you to view and share all the questions before providing answers.

Note that this survey will take considerable time to complete, depending on how much feedback you wish to provide.

You will not be able to save your progress and return later.

If you cannot do this survey for any reason, you feel language is a barrier to participation or you have any other questions, please email us at standards@msc.org. We will do our best to accommodate your request.



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GDPR and research ethics

The specific purpose of this consultation is research. All feedback will be analysed by the MSC Executive and discussed with the MSC Technical Advisory Board and MSC Stakeholder Advisory Council who will make recommendations to the Board of Trustees. The Board will then take a decision on whether to publish any revised requirements in a future iteration of these proposed program documents.

We will also use participant's information to evaluate whether the participants collectively constitute a broadly representative sample of key stakeholders for the issue(s) of interest.

Any project reports and case studies will have the names and organisations of consultation participants redacted, depending on the preference you state below.

Finally, this survey is entirely optional and you may exit at any time. Any completed questions will be submitted.

*** 1. Given the above would you like to continue?**

- ☐ I would like to continue and am willing to be named in any public report.
- ☐ I would like to continue but do not want to be named in any public report.
- ☐ I do not want to continue (end survey).



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Contact information

2. Please provide the following information.

Full name

Email Address

3. In which country are you based?

4. What organisation do you represent, if any? Name one only.

5. Are you part of any industry groups or coalitions? If so, please list them.



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Stakeholder categories

6. Please state which stakeholder category best describes your job.

- ☐ **Seafood supply chain** - including trading, processing, packing/repacking, storage and transportation of seafood products.
- ☐ **Commercial wild harvest fisheries** - Involvement with harvesting wild stocks for profit.
- ☐ **Aquaculture** - Involvement with the husbandry of farmed stocks.
- ☐ **Conformity assessment and/or accreditation** - Involvement with testing or other activities that determine whether a process, product, or services complies with the requirements of a specification, technical standard, contract, or regulation, or involved with issuing credentials or certifying third parties against an official standard.
- ☐ **Standard setting** - Developing, coordinating, promulgating, revising, amending, reissuing, interpreting, or otherwise producing technical standards.
- ☐ **Non-governmental organisation** - An organisation dedicated to effecting change according to their objectives, including but not limited, to environmental NGOs.
- ☐ **Academic/Scientific** - An intellectual/theoretical interest in the seafood sector.
- ☐ **Comms/media** - Involvement with communications related to the seafood sector.
- ☐ **Consumer** - A person who buys and uses a seafood product.
- ☐ **Cultural/recreational/artisanal** - A lifestyle interest in the seafood sector.
- ☐ **Governance/management** - Leadership and administration for the governance of the seafood sector.
- ☐ Other (please specify)



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Seafood Supply Chain categories

7. Please state which elements of the seafood supply chain you are involved with. Select all that apply, if any.

- ☐ **Trading** - Buying and selling of product, including but not limited to retailers.
- ☐ **Transportation/logistics** - Transportation of product.
- ☐ **Storage** - Holding of product in storage.
- ☐ **Packing/Repacking** - Changing of packaging.
- ☐ **Processing** - Any activity that changes the product.
- ☐ Other (please specify)



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Fisheries categories

8. Please say what types of commercial fisheries you represent.

Almost all smaller scale fisheries	Mostly smaller scale fisheries	An even mix of smaller and larger scale fisheries	Mostly larger scale fisheries	Almost all large scale fisheries	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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Selecting the issues that you want to comment on.

9. Please indicate which issues you want to provide comment on (select all that apply).

- ☐ **Changes to the scope of the MSC program**
Find out more on this topic on [our website](#)
- ☐ **Clarifying best practice for reducing impacts on endangered, threatened and protected and out of scope species**
Find out more on this topic on [our website](#)
- ☐ **Identifying further solutions to ensure MSC certified fisheries are not involved in shark finning**
Find out more on this topic on [our website](#)
- ☐ **Supporting the prevention of gear loss and ghost fishing**
Find out more on this topic on [our website](#)
- ☐ **Reviewing Principle 1 with a focus on harvest strategies**
Find out more on this topic on [our website](#)
- ☐ **Ensuring effective fisheries management systems are in place**
Find out more on this topic on [our website](#)
- ☐ **Changes to the Fisheries Certification Process including those related to the harmonisation of assessments**
Find out more on this topic on [our website](#)
- ☐ **Select for more topics**



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Selecting the issues that you want to comment on.

10. Please indicate which issues you want to provide comment on (select all that apply).

- ☐ **Ensuring habitat performance indicators are clear and consistently applied**
Find out more on this topic on [our website](#)
- ☐ **Ensuring ecosystem performance indicators are clear and consistently applied**
Find out more on this topic on [our website](#)
- ☐ **Clarifying requirements for modified assessment trees for enhanced bivalves, salmon and introduced species**
Find out more on this topic on [our website](#)
- ☐ **Requirements for managing fish stocks including requirements for dynamic fisheries, low tropic level (LTL) species and Inseparable or practicably inseparable (IPI) stocks, and specific requirements for crabs, squid and octopus**
Find out more on [dynamic fisheries](#), [LTL species](#), [IPI stocks](#) and [squid, crab and octopus fisheries](#) on our website
- ☐ **Making the MSC Fisheries Standard more efficient**
Find out more on this topic on [our website](#)
- ☐ **Ensuring the Risk-Based Framework continues to deliver precautionary and consistent assessments for data-limited fisheries**
Find out more on this topic on [our website](#)
- ☐ **Another issue still not listed above**



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Changes to the scope of the MSC program

You indicated that you wanted to provide feedback on our proposal for changes to the scope of the MSC program.

You can find background information and more on this proposal [here](#). We suggest you review this information before answering the questions below.

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12. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"This proposal to add a new scope criterion to exclude entities convicted of serious crime in the last two years will be effective at ensuring that the MSC program excludes entities convicted of serious crime."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

13. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal to add a new scope criterion to exclude entities convicted of serious crime in the last two years is acceptable to me."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

14. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"This proposal to add a new scope criterion to exclude entities that intentionally harass or intentionally kill marine mammals whilst undertaking fishing activities (e.g. setting or deploying fishing gear) will be effective at ensuring that the MSC program excludes entities that intentionally harass or intentionally kill marine mammals."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

15. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal to add a new scope criterion to exclude entities that intentionally harass or intentionally kill marine mammals whilst undertaking fishing activities (e.g. setting or deploying fishing gear) is acceptable to me."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

16. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"This proposal to relocate scope criterion on controversial unilateral exemptions and disputes in fisheries to PI 3.1.1 at SG60 will be effective at ensuring that the MSC program excludes entities that are subject to controversial unilateral exemptions and disputes."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

17. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal to relocate the scope criterion on controversial unilateral exemptions and disputes in fisheries to PI 3.1.1 at SG60 is acceptable to me."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly agree

Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

18. What other concerns related to this issue would you like to raise? Please be as concise as possible.



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Clarifying best practice for reducing impacts on endangered, threatened and protected species

You indicated that you wanted to provide feedback on our proposal for clarifying the requirements for reducing impacts on endangered, threatened and protected species.

You can find background information and more on this proposal [here](#). We suggest you review this information before answering the questions below.

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19. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"This proposal for clarifying requirements will be effective at ensuring that impacts on endangered, threatened and protected and out of scope species are reduced in MSC certified fisheries."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

20. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for the requirements on endangered, threatened and protected and out of scope species will be feasible for fisheries to implement."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly agree

Don't know

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Please explain your answer, highlighting any technical, economic and/or fisheries management factors that you think will influence the outcome.

21. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for the requirements on endangered, threatened and protected and out of scope species is acceptable to me."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly agree

Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

22. What other concerns related to this issue would you like to raise? Please be as concise as possible.



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Identifying further solutions to ensure MSC certified fisheries are not involved in shark finning

You indicated that you wanted to provide feedback on our proposal for ensuring MSC certified fisheries are not involved in shark finning.

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23. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"This proposal will be effective at ensuring MSC certified fisheries are not involved in shark finning."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

24. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for ensuring MSC certified fisheries are not involved in shark finning will be feasible for fisheries to implement."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

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Please explain your answer, highlighting any technical, economic and/or fisheries management factors that you think will influence the outcome.

25. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for ensuring MSC certified fisheries are not involved in shark finning is acceptable to me."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly agree

Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

26. What other concerns related to this issue would you like to raise? Please be as concise as possible.



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Supporting the prevention of gear loss and ghost fishing

You indicated that you wanted to provide feedback on our proposal for preventing gear loss and ghost fishing.

You can find background information and more on this proposal [here](#). We suggest you review this information before answering the questions below.

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A PDF of this page including the below questions can be found [here](#).

27. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"This proposal will be effective at ensuring that gear loss and ghost fishing is prevented in MSC certified fisheries."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

28. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for preventing gear loss and ghost fishing will be feasible for fisheries to implement."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your answer, highlighting any technical, economic and/or fisheries management factors that you think will influence the outcome.

29. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for preventing gear loss and ghost fishing is acceptable to me."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly agree

Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

30. What other concerns related to this issue would you like to raise? Please be as concise as possible.



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Reviewing Principle 1 with a focus on harvest strategies

You indicated that you wanted to provide feedback on our proposal for harvest strategies.

You can find background information and more on this proposal [here](#). We suggest you review this information before answering the questions below.

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31. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"This proposal will be effective at ensuring that MSC certified fisheries, including those with shared stocks or stocks managed across multiple jurisdictions, have a robust and precautionary harvest strategy."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

32. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for harvest strategies will be feasible for fisheries to implement."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

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Please explain your answer, highlighting any technical, economic and/or fisheries management factors that you think will influence the outcome.

33. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for harvest strategies is acceptable to me."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly agree

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

34. What other concerns related to this issue would you like to raise? Please be as concise as possible.



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Ensuring effective fisheries management systems are in place

You indicated that you wanted to provide feedback on our proposal for ensuring effective fisheries management systems are in place.

You can find background information and more on these proposals [here](#). That page includes information separated into 1) Evidence Requirements and 2) Best Practice in Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS).

We suggest you review this information before answering the questions below, which are split between Evidence Requirements and MCS.

You can request a version of the requirements specific to this topic including tracked changes by emailing standards@msc.org.

A PDF of this page including the below questions can be found [here](#).

35. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"This proposal for evidence requirements will be effective at ensuring that effective fisheries management systems are in place in MSC certified fisheries."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

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36. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for evidence requirements will be feasible for fisheries to implement."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

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Please explain your answer, highlighting any technical, economic and/or fisheries management factors that you think will influence the outcome.

37. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for evidence requirements is acceptable to me."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

38. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"This proposal for establishing best practice in monitoring, control and surveillance will be effective at ensuring that effective fisheries management systems are in place in MSC certified fisheries."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

39. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for establishing best practice in monitoring, control and surveillance will be feasible for fisheries to implement."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

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Please explain your answer, highlighting any technical, economic and/or fisheries management factors that you think will influence the outcome.

40. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for establishing best practice in monitoring, control and surveillance is acceptable to me."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

41. What other concerns related to this issue would you like to raise? Please be as concise as possible.



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Changes to the Fisheries Certification Process

You indicated that you wanted to provide feedback on our proposal for changes to the Fisheries Certification Process including those related to the harmonisation of assessments.

You can find background information and more on this proposal [here](#). We suggest you review this information before answering the questions below.

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42. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"This proposal will be effective at ensuring that assessments are harmonised."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

43. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for harmonising assessments will be feasible for conformity assessment bodies to implement."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

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Please explain your answer, highlighting any technical, economic and/or fisheries management factors that you think will influence the outcome.

44. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for harmonising assessments is acceptable to me."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly agree

Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

45. What other concerns related to the harmonisation of assessments would you like to raise?

Please be as concise as possible.

46. What other concerns related to the rest of the proposed changes to the Fisheries Certification Process would you like to raise? Please be as concise as possible.



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Ensuring habitat performance indicators are clear and consistently applied

You indicated that you wanted to provide feedback on our proposal for ensuring habitat performance indicators are clear and consistently applied.

You can find background information and more on this proposal [here](#). We suggest you review this information before answering the questions below.

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47. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"This proposal to will be effective at ensuring that habitat performance indicators are clear and consistently applied."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

48. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for clarifying the habitat performance indicators will be feasible for fisheries to implement."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your answer, highlighting any technical, economic and/or fisheries management factors that you think will influence the outcome.

49. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for clarifying the habitat performance indicators is acceptable to me."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly agree

Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

50. What other concerns related to this issue would you like to raise? Please be as concise as possible.



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Ensuring ecosystem performance indicators are clear and consistently applied

You indicated that you wanted to provide feedback on our proposal for ensuring ecosystem performance indicators are clear and consistently applied.

You can find background information and more on this proposal [here](#). We suggest you review this information before answering the questions below.

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51. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"This proposal will be effective at ensuring that the ecosystem performance indicators are consistently applied."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal Please be as concise as possible.

52. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for ensuring that the ecosystem performance indicators are clear and consistently applied will be feasible for fisheries to implement."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your answer, highlighting any technical, economic and/or fisheries management factors that you think will influence the outcome.

53. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for ensuring that the ecosystem performance indicators are clear and consistently applied is acceptable to me."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly agree

Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal Please be as concise as possible.

54. What other concerns related to this issue would you like to raise? Please be as concise as possible.



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Clarifying requirements for assessment trees for enhanced bivalves, salmon and introduced species

You indicated that you wanted to provide feedback on our proposal for clarifying the requirements for modified assessment trees for enhanced bivalves, salmon and introduced species.

You can find background information and more on this proposal [here](#). We suggest you review this information before answering the questions below.

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55. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"This proposal will be effective at ensuring that the requirements for modified assessment trees for enhanced bivalves, salmon and introduced species are clear."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

56. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal to clarify the requirements for modified assessment trees for enhanced bivalves, salmon and introduced species will be feasible for fisheries to implement."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

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Please explain your answer, highlighting any technical, economic and/or fisheries management factors that you think will influence the outcome.

57. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal to clarify the requirements for modified assessment trees for enhanced bivalves, salmon and introduced species is acceptable to me."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

58. What other concerns related to this issue would you like to raise? Please be as concise as possible.



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Making the MSC Fisheries Standard more efficient

You indicated that you wanted to provide feedback on our proposal for making the MSC Fisheries Standard more efficient.

You can find background information and more on this proposal [here](#). We suggest you review this information before answering the questions below.

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59. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"This proposal will be effective at ensuring that the MSC Fisheries Standard can be applied more efficiently."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

60. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for making the application of the MSC Fisheries Standard more efficient will be feasible for fisheries to implement."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

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Please explain your answer, highlighting any technical, economic and/or fisheries management factors that you think will influence the outcome.

61. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for making the application of the MSC Fisheries Standard more efficient is acceptable to me."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly agree

Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

62. What other concerns related to this issue would you like to raise? Please be as concise as possible.



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Ensuring the Risk-Based Framework continues to deliver precautionary and consistent assessments

You indicated that you wanted to provide feedback on our proposal for ensuring the Risk-Based Framework continues to deliver precautionary and consistent assessments for data-limited fisheries.

You can find background information and more on this proposal [here](#). We suggest you review this information before answering the questions below.

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63. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"This proposal will be effective at ensuring that the Risk-Based Framework delivers precautionary and consistent assessments for data-limited fisheries."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

64. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal to clarify the requirements of the Risk-Based Framework will be feasible for fisheries to implement."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Please explain your answer, highlighting any technical, economic and/or fisheries management factors that you think will influence the outcome.

65. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal to clarify the requirements of the Risk-based Framework is acceptable to me."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

66. What other concerns related to this issue would you like to raise? Please be as concise as possible.



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Clarifying the assessment of dynamic fisheries

You indicated that you wanted to provide feedback on our proposal for clarifying the assessment of dynamic fisheries.

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67. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"This proposal will be effective at ensuring that the requirements for the assessment of dynamic fisheries are clear"

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

68. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for clarifying the assessment of dynamic fisheries will be feasible for fisheries to implement."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

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Please explain your answer, highlighting any technical, economic and/or fisheries management factors that you think will influence the outcome.

69. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for clarifying the assessment of dynamic fisheries is acceptable to me."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly agree

Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

70. What other concerns related to this issue would you like to raise? Please be as concise as possible.



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Clarifying the assessment of key low trophic level stocks

You indicated that you wanted to provide feedback on our proposal for clarifying the assessment of key low trophic level stocks.

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71. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"This proposal will be effective at ensuring that the requirements for the assessment of key low trophic level stocks are clear."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

72. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for clarifying the assessment of key low trophic level stocks will be feasible for fisheries to implement."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your answer, highlighting any technical, economic and/or fisheries management factors that you think will influence the outcome.

73. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for clarifying the assessment of key low trophic level stocks is acceptable to me."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly agree

Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

74. What other concerns related to this issue would you like to raise? Please be as concise as possible.



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Clarifying the assessment of inseparable or practicably inseparable (IPI) stocks in a catch

You indicated that you wanted to provide feedback on our proposal for clarifying the assessment of inseparable or practicably inseparable (IPI) stocks in a catch.

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75. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"This proposal will be effective at ensuring that the requirements for clarifying the assessment of inseparable or practicably inseparable (IPI) stocks in a catch are clear."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

76. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for clarifying the assessment of inseparable or practicably inseparable (IPI) stocks in a catch will be feasible for fisheries to implement."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

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Please explain your answer, highlighting any technical, economic and/or fisheries management factors that you think will influence the outcome.

77. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for clarifying the assessment of inseparable or practicably inseparable (IPI) stocks in a catch is acceptable to me."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly agree

Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

78. What other concerns related to this issue would you like to raise? Please be as concise as possible.



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Clarifying the assessment of squid, crab and octopus fisheries

You indicated that you wanted to provide feedback on our proposal for clarifying the assessment of squid, crab and octopus fisheries.

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79. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"This proposal will be effective at ensuring that the requirements for the assessment of squid, crab and octopus fisheries are clear."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

80. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for clarifying the assessment of squid, crab and octopus fisheries will be feasible for fisheries to implement."

Strongly disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly agree Don't know

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Please explain your answer, highlighting any technical, economic and/or fisheries management factors that you think will influence the outcome.

81. Please say whether you agree or disagree with the following statement.

"The proposal for clarifying the assessment of squid, crab and octopus fisheries is acceptable to me."

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly agree

Don't know

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Please explain your answer, telling us anything you would change about the proposal. Please be as concise as possible.

82. What other concerns related to this issue would you like to raise? Please be as concise as possible.



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Other concerns

The scope for change as part of this Fisheries Standard Review is limited to the proposals discussed in this consultation.

However, we are always interested to receive feedback on any part of the MSC program. If there are any other issues related to the MSC Standard or assurance system you would like to raise please provide details below, noting that these comments will be considered outside of the current Fisheries Standard Review.

If you have any questions about the MSC process for raising and resolving issues with the any of the MSC Standards please visit the [MSC website](#) or email standards@msc.org.

83. What other concerns related to the MSC Standards and/or assurance system would you like to raise? Please be as concise as possible.



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Evaluation of this consultation

To help us improve our consultations in the future, please complete the following questions.

84. How did you first hear about this consultation survey?

85. I found this consultation survey simple and easy to participate in.

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

86. Participating in this consultation survey was worth my time.

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

87. I would recommend participating in MSC consultations to my colleagues.

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

88. This consultation survey was exactly what I needed for me to provide my feedback on this topic.

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

89. Please explain your answers, providing suggestions on how we might improve this consultation survey (for example, to make it easier to participate). This will help us improve our consultations over time.



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Satisfaction with the Fisheries Standard Review

90. Did you participate in the last Fisheries Standard Review (released in October 2014)?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

91. How satisfied are you that the areas currently proposed for review address any major concerns with the current Standard?

Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither	Satisfied	Very satisfied	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your answer.



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Would you like to join one or more of our mailing lists?

92. Would you like to be contacted about future MSC policy development work (this is revisions to one of the MSC's normative documents), including consultation events? Please tick all areas that apply.

- ☐ MSC Fisheries Program updates
- ☐ MSC Supply Chain Program updates
- ☐ ASC-MSC Seaweed Program updates
- ☐ All MSC Policy Development updates
- ☐ None of the above



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End of consultation survey

Thank you for your feedback, which will be given full consideration. Please watch the [MSC website](#) for future updates and email standards@msc.org if you have any questions.