



Aquaculture Stewardship Council

Creating Change on the Water

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- ❑ The ASC will offer farm level annual certification.
- ❑ The ASC will use accredited third-party Certification Bodies (CB) that are ISO 65 compliant.
- ❑ The ASC will initially offer certification for 12 aquaculture commodity species, which are: salmon, shrimp, pangasius, tilapia, freshwater trout, oysters, mussels, clams, scallops, abalone, cobia, and seriola.
- ❑ The ASC standards will focus on minimizing environmental and social impacts.
- ❑ The ASC will “partner” with accredited organizations that offer food safety standards and traceability. Thus offering “one-stop-shopping” for certification.



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Aquaculture
Dialogues
=
“standard
creation
process”

Aquaculture
Stewardship
Council
=
“standard
holding body”

Certification
Bodies
=
“3rd party
ISO 65
accredited”

Farm
=
“unit of
certification”

the process incorporates firewalls to
maintain independence and integrity



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- ❑ May take 24 months to develop the independent ASC.
- ❑ Development Director Philip Smith is tasked with:
 - ❑ Sourcing potential partners and funding for start-up costs.
 - ❑ Updating business plan and projections.
 - ❑ Creating the administrative and institutionalization of the ASC (governance, by-laws, etc...); and , ASC set up – office, website, staff, etc.
 - ❑ Establishing a certification process.
- ❑ A multi-stakeholder Advisory Group consisting of 20-35 representatives from seafood buyers, aquaculture producers, feed manufacturers, and NGOs will help guide ASC development



Interim Option with GlobalG.A.P.

- ❑ For those Aquaculture Dialogue standards that are complete prior to ASC being operational, GlobalG.A.P. will be offering a certification against the Dialogue standards as an environmental/social “add-on” to their current scheme.
- ❑ This provides seafood buyers and aquaculture producers who want product that meets the Dialogue standards an interim option.
- ❑ Agreement with GlobalG.A.P. is non-exclusive.



Get involved

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