



Alaska Salmon Fishery

Marine Stewardship Council Certification

Advisory: Revised Timescale and Implications to Target Eligibility Date

1. Revised Timescale

Stakeholders are advised that a delay has occurred in the reassessment of the Alaska Salmon Fishery. As such, this notice advises of a change to the timescale for this reassessment.

Stakeholders should also note that the reassessment of the Prince William Sound Unit of Certification (UoC) has been placed on a different timescale than the reassessment of the other 13 UoCs in the Alaska salmon fishery (Southeast, Yakutat, Copper/Bering Districts, Lower Cook Inlet, Upper Cook Inlet, Bristol Bay, Yukon River, Kuskokwim, Kotzebue, Norton Sound, Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands). The revised timescales for a) Prince William Sound, and then b) the other 13 UoCs are set out in the tables on page 2 and 3 of this notice, respectively.

2. Implication to Target Eligibility Date

Stakeholders are directed to the MSC's guidance on determination of the Target Eligibility Date (MSC CR, paragraph 27.6):

"27.6.1 The CAB shall nominate a date from which product from a certified fishery is likely to be eligible to bear the MSC ecolabel (the target eligibility date). This could be:

27.6.1.2 Any date prior to the certification of the fishery up to a maximum of six months prior to the publication of the most recent Public Comment Draft Report. This date should be linked to:

- a. The beginning of the fishery management year in which the Public Comment Draft Report is published; or,*
- b. The start of the fishing season in which the Public Comment Draft Report is published;"*

This MSC guidance and the change to the timeline for the reassessment of the Prince William Sound UoC together mean that product from the 2013 Prince William Sound UoC salmon fishery will not be eligible to bear the MSC ecolabel. In contrast, if the other 13 UoCs progress through the reassessment process according to the revised timeline shown here, salmon from the 2013 fishery in those 13 UoCs would

be eligible to bear the MSC ecolabel through setting the target eligibility date 6 months prior to the publication of the Public Comment Draft Report (PCDR), i.e. the revised timeline indicates that the PCDR publication date to be 30th July 2013.

Intertek Moody Marine seeks to maintain its dialogue with all organisations or individuals with a direct interest in this fishery. Any individuals wishing to nominate other organisations or individuals as stakeholders, or to provide comments or information to the assessment process (in terms of the status of the stock, ecosystem interactions or fishery management practices), are invited to contact Intertek Moody Marine.

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MSC Main Assessment: Alaska Salmon Fishery
Assessment Timeline: (Prince William Sound only)



Stage	Original Target date*	Amended date (Dec 2012)	Revised Amended date (March 2013)	Revised Amended date (June 2013)	Reasons for Change in Timing
Publicise the start of the assessment					
Announcement of assessment on MSC website	5 July 2012				These steps in the assessment process were carried out according to the schedule, as published in July 2012.
Assessment team					
Nominate Assessment Team members	5 July 2012				
Confirm Assessment Team members	24 July 2012				
Use of the Default Fisheries Assessment Methodology (FAM)					
Start of consultation period	31 July 2012				
End of consultation period	30 Aug 2012				
Assessment site visit & stakeholder meetings					
Announce site visit	18 Sept 2012				
Carry out site visit & stakeholder meetings	18-23 Oct 2012				
Additional site visit opportunity	N/A				
Peer Review					For the Prince William Sound UoC, these steps in the assessment process have been further delayed by up to 12 months due to the need to collect additional information. An opportunity for stakeholders to provide additional information will be provided as required through CR 24.2.3.
Peer reviewers nominated	31 Nov 2012	3 Jan 2013			
Peer reviewers confirmed	15 Dec 2012	18 Jan 2013	1 Apr 2013	1 Jan 2014	
Announce timescale for peer review of draft report	5 Jan 2012	25 Jan 2013	1 Apr 2013	1 Jan 2014	
Stakeholder review of Public Comment Draft Report					
Start of consultation period	1 Feb 2013	20 Feb 2013	30 Apr 2013	18 Apr 2014	
End of consultation period	3 Mar 2013	22 Mar 2013	30 May 2013	19 May 2014	
Stakeholder Review of Final Report					
Start of consultation period	1 Apr 2013	15 Apr 2013	20 June 2013	1 Oct 2014	
End of consultation period	19 Apr 2013	3 May 2013	11 July 2013	16 Oct 2014	
Issue Public Certification Report	1 May 2013	7 May 2013	16 July 2013	24 Oct 2014	

Notes

Dates in shaded cells highlight opportunities for stakeholder input to the assessment process.

* Dates are liable to change as the assessment progresses. If delays of more than 30 days arise, then a revised notice of the assessment schedule will be posted on the MSC website

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Assessment Timeline: (13 of 14 UoCs, not including Prince William Sound)



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End of consultation period	30 Aug 2012				
Assessment site visit & stakeholder meetings					
Announce site visit	18 Sept 2012				
Carry out site visit & stakeholder meetings	18-23 Oct 2012				These steps in the assessment process have been further delayed by approximately two months due to the complexity of the assessment and because of the need to provide a separate timeline for the Prince William Sound UoC.
Additional site visit opportunity	N/A				
Peer Review					
Peer reviewers nominated	31 Nov 2012	3 Jan 2013			
Peer reviewers confirmed	15 Dec 2012	18 Jan 2013	1 Apr 2013	1 June 2013	
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