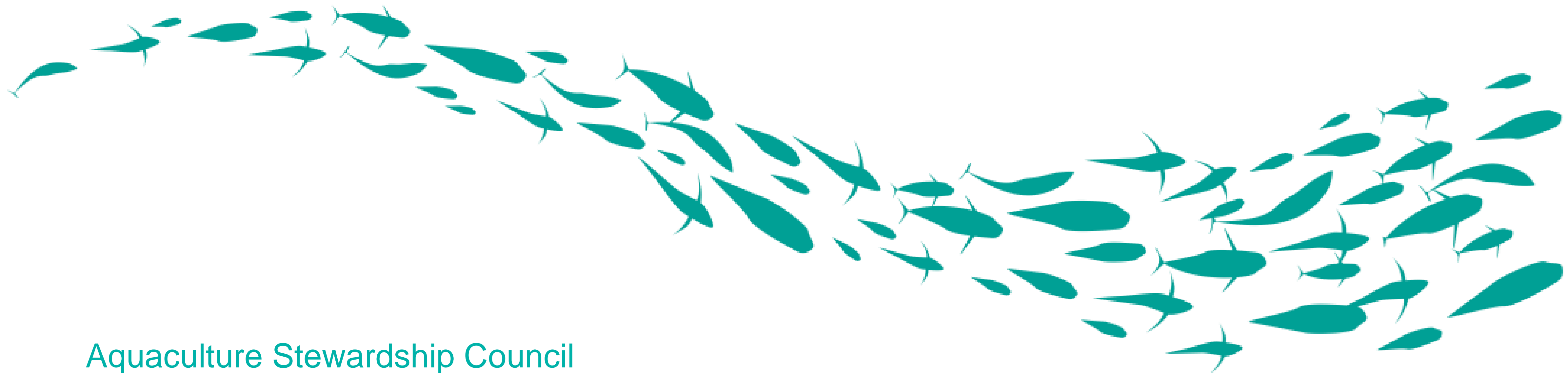


Public Consultation V ASC Farm Standard



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Introduction



What's happening?

- On the 1st of March, ASC will launch its public consultation on the **ASC Farm Standard**.

When?

- From **1 March to 30 April 2022**.

Which topics will be covered?

- The entire Farm Standard (except for fish welfare):
 - **Principle 1**: legal compliance and effective business management
 - **Principle 2**: environmental sustainability
 - **Principle 3**: social responsibility

Why a public consultation?

- ASC is committed to best-practice standard-setting. We are proud to be an **ISEAL Member**.



The ASC aims to...



Understand whether the proposed **ASC Farm Standard** addresses aquaculture's key sustainability issues in line with **stakeholders' expectations**

Get feedback on **the scope** of the **ASC Farm Standard**

Estimate agreement with proposed **indicators/criteria language**

Seek views and additional information on direction for **areas under development**

Gain insights in **applicability and consistency** across all productions systems, regions, species, and farm sizes

Gain insights into whether indicators are **implementable/auditable**

Create awareness that the alignment merges and replace the previous 11 species standards

Provide an opportunity for further engagement with target stakeholders

What's in it for You?



Consistency

The **ASC Farm Standard** will replace the eleven current species standards. Aligning these standards will provide **more clarity on ASC's intent and more consistent requirements towards the industry.**

Effectiveness & Efficiency

Applying a consistent set of indicators will allow to reduce variability and subjectivity during audits. A single **ASC Farm Standard** will also allow for more efficient Standard revisions, which makes **adding new species, regions, or production systems much faster.**

Relevance

Easier revisions across all species and production systems allows the standard to **remain relevant over time.**

Impact

A consistent, relevant, and efficient **ASC Farm Standard** will allow for **better tracking of impacts** across farm and landscape scales.

Here's How to Get Involved!



Watch the introductory video and get an overview of the project



Deep dive into the **ASC Farm Standard** or focus on your topics of interest



And contact your local ASC team if you have any questions

What do **You** think?

Register here for the live feedback webinars

Complete our **Survey**

Spread the word within your network



What Happens Next?



Transparency	Feedback is made public. We will publish a list of who submitted feedback (name and affiliation only) but will not attribute individual comments.
Revisions	The draft ASC Farm Standard will be revised based on the feedback received
Final Consultation	Final Public Consultation in Sept/Oct 2022 and pilot audits in Sept 2022 – March 2023
Launch	Once approved by ASC's Board, the ASC Farm Standard will be launched end of 2023

Development Timeline



Alignment Process - ASC Farm Standard



*ToR = Terms of Reference

Additional Resources



Translations

[Link](#)

Vietnamese

Japanese

Mandarin

Spanish

German

French

Farm Standard Comparison Tool

[Link](#)

FAQ

[Link](#)

The ASC Farm Standard



Three Principles



Seven Annexes

- 1 • Species Performance Levels
- 2 • Data Recording and Submission
- 3 • Risk Management Framework
- 4 • Labour Requirements
- 5 • List of Acronyms and Definitions
- 6 • Soil Permeability
- 7 • Sampling Methodology for Copper

ASC Farm Standard's Scope (1)



Initially the ASC Farm Standard will be applicable to the 11 species currently covered by the ASC programme:

- Abalone
- Bivalve
- Flatfish
- Freshwater Trout
- Pangasius
- Salmon
- Seabass, Seabream and Meagre
- Seriola and Cobia
- Shrimp
- Tilapia
- Tropical Marine Finfish

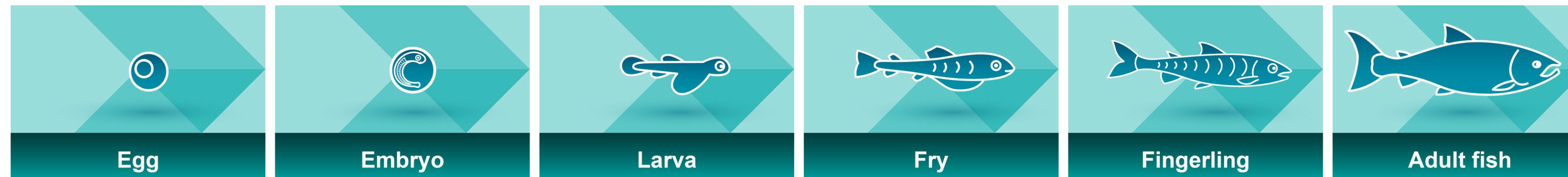
The ASC Farm Standard will allow to add new species much faster than before.



ASC Farm Standard's Scope (2)



- Incorporates the complete life cycle – from egg to fish



- Intermediate sites hatcheries are considered suppliers

Principle 1

(UOC) OPERATES LEGALLY AND APPLIES EFFECTIVE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT



What does this mean?

This Principle requires that certified facilities operate a legal and ethical business in a well-managed manner that assures compliance with the ASC requirements throughout the validity of a certificate.

	Criteria	Contact
1.1	Legal Compliance	Clare Stevens – clare.stevens@asc-aqua.org
1.2	Management System	
1.3	Business Ethics	
1.4	Traceability and Transparent Disclosure	Wendy Banta – wendy.banta@asc-aqua.org

Principle 2

(UOC) OPERATES IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE MANNER



What does this mean?

Aquaculture, as any other food producing system, is reliant on ecosystem services for inputs, and absorption of outputs. If not managed well and overused, the capacity of environment services can be exceeded, resulting in negative environmental impacts.

	Criteria	Contact
2.2	Ecologically Important Habitats	Jill Swasey – Jill.Swasey@asc-aqua.org
2.3	Wildlife Interactions	
2.4	Non-Natives	Renee Hamel – Renee.Hamel@asc-aqua.org
2.5	Escapes	Michiel Fransen – Michiel.Fransen@asc-aqua.org
2.6	Benthic Impacts	Javier Unibazo – Javier.Unibazo@asc-aqua.org
2.7	Water Quality	

Principle 2 CRITERIA



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2.8	Salinisation	Renee Hamel - Renee.Hamel@asc-aqua.org
2.9	Biosolids	Kathrin Steinberg – Kathrin.Steinberg@asc-aqua.org
2.10	Freshwater Use	Katherine Dolmage – Katherine.Dolmage@asc-aqua.org
2.11	Energy Use and Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Robert Parker – Robert.Parker@asc-aqua.org
2.12	Material Use, Waste and Pollution Control	Javier Unibazo – Javier.Unibazo@asc-aqua.org
2.13	Feed	Alexandra Warrington – Alexandra.Warrington@asc-aqua.org
2.14	Fish Health and Welfare	Javier Unibazo - Javier.Unibazo@asc-aqua.org
2.15	Parasite Control (incl. Sea Lice)	
2.16	Antibiotics and other Veterinary Therapeutants	Michiel Fransen - Michiel.Fransen@asc-aqua.org
2.17	Hatcheries and Intermediate Sites	Katherine Dolmage - Katherine.Dolmage@asc-aqua.org
2.18	Area Based Management (ABM)	Michiel Fransen - Michiel.Fransen@asc-aqua.org

Principle 3

(UOC) OPERATES IN A SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE MANNER



What does this mean?

The aquaculture sector, including its supplying and processing industries, provides food, jobs and income to millions of people globally. The sector is characterised by a high degree of labour-intensive work, especially on farms and processing facilities, with most people employed in economically developing countries.

The intended outcome of **Principle 3** is that ASC-certified facilities operate in a socially responsible manner, by ensuring that:

- All genders are treated equally and are given equal opportunities
- Worker rights are respected
- Working and living conditions for workers are decent
- Interactions with neighboring communities and indigenous people are constructive

Principle 3 CRITERIA



	Criteria	Contact
3.1	Rights Awareness	Clare Stevens clare.stevens@asc-aqua.org
3.2	Forced, Bonded, Compulsory Labour and Human Trafficking	
3.3	Child Labour	
3.4	Discrimination	
3.5	Health and Safety	
3.6	Collective Bargaining and Freedom of Association	
3.7	Transparent Contracts	
3.8	Wages	
3.9	Working Hours	
3.10	Workplace Conduct Response	
3.11	Employee Accommodation	
3.12	Grievance Mechanism	
3.13	Community Engagement	

Get in Touch!



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THANK YOU.

