



RFM Client & CoC Holder FAQ

Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) / Certified Seafood International (CSI) Transition

RFM is continuing its global expansion. As part of our growth to new regions we've rebranded to CSI. Existing RFM fishery and chain of custody certificates are not impacted. CSI continues to deliver GSSI recognized certification with ability to identify seafood origin on label.

	What's Changing	What it Means for RFM Clients
Program Name	We've changed our name to Certified Seafood International (CSI) to reflect the global nature of the program to those outside the United States.	RFM operations, certifications, and standards are being used by CSI and adapted over time as needed for the global market.
Fisheries Standard	A new Fisheries Standard will be phased in. Changes will be to accommodate sound management programs used in fisheries outside the United States. The new Standard will maintain the same UN FAO and fishery management-focused principles that are the basis of the existing RFM standard.	RFM fishery clients' certifications remain current and will have until the next full reassessment or three years (whichever is greater) to transition to the new CSI Standard. Fisheries meeting the existing RFM standard will meet the new CSI Standard.
Chain of Custody (CoC) Standard	The single and multi-site CSI CoC is based on the existing shared RFM / Iceland Standard with minor modifications to accommodate global coverage.	RFM CoC clients' certifications remain current and will have until the next re-audit to transition to the CSI CoC Standard. Clients meeting the existing RFM CoC will meet the CSI CoC Standard.
Program Costs	We are maintaining RFM's commitment to minimizing overhead and removing costs from the sector. A new program fee structure will be announced shortly and implemented in 2026.	CSI / RFM representatives will reach out when more specifics are finalized.



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GSSI Status	The RFM GSSI benchmark will be transferred to CSI, and CSI will remain a GSSI benchmarked program. The CSI Fisheries Standard will be benchmarked once in operation as required by GSSI.	CSI will continue to meet market requirements of GSSI benchmarked certification program.
Fishery Certification Process	CSI continues to certify at the fishery, not fleet, level with mandatory certificate sharing.	CSI maintains the bar set by RFM with no allowance for serious deviations while maintaining accessibility through mandatory sharing of fishery certificates.
Logo	The program logo remains the same, updated to reflect the new program name. Logo users retain the option to feature harvest origin on the logo if desired.	RFM clients who utilize the RFM logo will control the timing for their logo transition. We'll provide updated logo artwork and specifications for your use.
Certification Bodies (CBs)	Existing RFM CBs are trained on the new Fisheries Standard and CoC.	RFM clients can use current CBs for both fishery and CoC certification.
Website	Our new program website is csicertified.org . Users of the RFM website are redirected to csicertified.org .	All RFM fishery assessment and certification information along with program documents transferred over.
Program Points of Contact	Existing RFM staff members are part of the CSI team.	RFM clients should contact Jeff Regnart at jregnart@csicertified.org and Tricia Sanguinetti at tsanguinetti@csicertified.org