

October 19, 2026 – Certified Seafood International (CSI) has opened a 60-day public comment period for the proposed CSI Fishery Management Standard, Draft Version 3.0. The consultation will be open from **OCTOBER 19, 2026** through **DECEMBER 17, 2026**, and CSI welcomes input from all interested stakeholders.

Access the Consultation Materials

The CSI Fishery Standard

The CSI Fishery Standard provides the framework used to independently assess wild-capture fisheries for environmentally responsible fishery management. The Standard is grounded in internationally recognised guidance from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), including the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and applicable FAO guidelines.

Building on RFM Principles for Global Application

The proposed CSI Fishery Management Standard, Draft Version 3.0 builds on the principles established under the RFM Fishery Standard while evolving the programme for application to wild-capture fisheries globally. The draft Standard remains focused on the assessment and certification of responsible fishery management, with an updated framework designed to be clear, rigorous and fit for purpose.

Version 3.0 uses Evaluation Parameters to measure conformance across four fundamental areas:



How to Participate in Public Comment

All materials related to the public consultation will be available on CSI's **Stakeholder Processes Page in the Open Consultation section**, including:

- **CSI Fishery Management Standard, Draft Version 3.0**
- **CSI Guidance and Evaluation Parameters for Fishery Conformity Assessment, Draft Version 3.0**
- **CSI Fishery Assessment Methodology, Draft Version 1.0**
- **CSI Glossary of Terms, Draft Version 1.0**

Stakeholders wishing to submit comments are required to use the **CSI Fishery Standard, Draft Version 3.0 Public Comment Form.**

COMMENTS DUE:

December 17, 2026, 11:59 p.m. PST

Download the Comment Form

Following the close of the 60-day public comment period, all comments received will be reviewed and considered before Version 3.0 advances through CSI's final review and approval process. Properly submitted comments and CSI's responses will be published on the CSI website in accordance with the CSI Standard Development Procedure 10.



"Version 3.0 builds on the strong foundation established under RFM while creating a clear and rigorous Standard designed for global application," said Mike Kraft, Executive Director of Certified Seafood International. "We encourage stakeholders throughout the seafood community to review the draft and provide their input during the public comment period."

About Certified Seafood International

Inc., a nonprofit corporation incorporated in the State of Delaware and recognized as a 501(c)(6) organization. CSI provides independent third-party certification for wild-capture fisheries worldwide. Through its certification programme, CSI offers the seafood industry choice through a rigorous, transparent and cost-effective approach that emphasises responsible fishery management, traceability and harvest-origin transparency. For more information about CSI, visit csicertified.org.

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