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**Topic:** Notification of public consultation for revisions to the ASC Shrimp Standard and ASC Metric Methodology

Dear Stakeholders,

Today, the Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) has launched a Public Consultation seeking feedback to ten (10) documents relating to the operational review of the ASC Shrimp Standard. ASC is simultaneously conducting a consultation period for an updated ASC Metrics Methodology.

### **Regular reviews to ensure updated best practices, further improve farm performance**

ASC conducts regular operational reviews to ensure the continued relevance and efficiency of our standards. The reviews focus on areas where the performance of a particular standard can be updated to reflect recent scientific findings that may further improve farm performance, or to address aspects of that standards that are not as anticipated or may not deliver on the intent as set out in the ASC's Theory of Change.

The review period ASC has embarked on today includes proposed changes to the ASC Shrimp Standard v1.1, extending the scope of the standard to include additional freshwater crustacean species, the introduction of new indicators to assess the impacts of the new species and revised metrics for new species.

The ASC Metrics Methodology is concurrently in public consultation. The proposed changes to the methodology will be relevant not only to this revision, but to the ongoing development of the ASC Farm Standard (previously referred to as the ASC Aligned Standard).

The public consultation will be open for stakeholder feedback for 62 days.

### **Providing Feedback During the Consultation Period**

ASC welcomes all feedback during the consultation period and encourages stakeholders to submit comments on the ten documents under consideration as part of the revision to the shrimp standard, and to the materials detailing potential updates to the metrics methodology.

The following possibilities for feedback submission are available:

- Shrimp Review: <https://www.asc-aqua.org/what-we-do/our-standards/new-standards-and-reviews/op-reviews/op-review-shrimp/>
- New ASC Metrics Methodology: <https://www.asc-aqua.org/what-we-do/programme-improvements/metrics/>

As previously mentioned, the consultation period for the ASC Shrimp Standard will last 62 days from **March 2<sup>nd</sup> until May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020** Stakeholder comments must be received *before* May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On behalf of ASC I wish to thank you in advance for your participation in the Consultation process. I am looking forward to your response(s).

With kind regards,

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