



Capture Fisheries Standard Update Announcement

Fair Trade USA

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Fair Trade USA would like to announce the publication of the updated Capture Fisheries Standard (CFS) version 1.1.0. For the past year, the Fair Trade USA team, in collaboration with field staff, has been working diligently on a minor revision to our CFS to improve clarity and consistency to better meet the ever-evolving needs and expectations of the fisheries, fishermen and workers we serve.

The main updates to the Capture Fisheries Standard include:

- Format alignment with Fair Trade USA's other Standards –The previous Standard and Compliance Criteria documents were combined into a single document;
- Language and terminology clarification – The terms “worker” and “crew member” were introduced to differentiate labors done at sea and on land, as well as requirements for each;
- Clarification of definitions – The terms “Premium Participants”, “Fishing Association”, and “Registered Fishermen” were further clarified; and,
- Consolidation of Premium expenditure rules – Rules on how to use the Premium were combined into a new criterion (ECD-DM 2.2), to bring clarity to the requirements around use of Premium.

These updates were made based on feedback and questions received from certified clients, as well as Fair Trade USA staff and field staff who support the implementation of the CFS. They are intended to drive improved clarity of the CFS and do not represent significant changes to the intent of the Objectives in the Standard — minor revisions do not require significant change in practice by certified clients.

The CFS version 1.1.0 will go into effect on January 15, 2018. At that time, all audits will be conducted against the updated requirements. The updated CFS is currently available in English, with translations for Spanish, French and Bahasa following in December 2017.

To download the Capture Fisheries Standard version 1.1.0, other associated policies, and guidance documents, please visit our [standards page](#). Questions or comments about the updated Capture Fisheries Standard and associated documents can be sent to standards@fairtradeusa.org.

