



# Strengthening engagement with the Marine Stewardship Council

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- **Individual fisheries assessments**
  - Up to February 2019 (1.1)
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- **Fisheries Standard Review**
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  - Areas of review
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# The Marine Stewardship Council



# What is the Marine Stewardship Council?



- Non-Profit.
- Started by WWF and Unilever in 1997.
- Recognise and reward efforts to protect oceans and safeguard seafood supplies for the future.
- Certification program – MSC as standard setter.
- Global standard.
- Traceability and use of an ecolabel for consumer awareness.

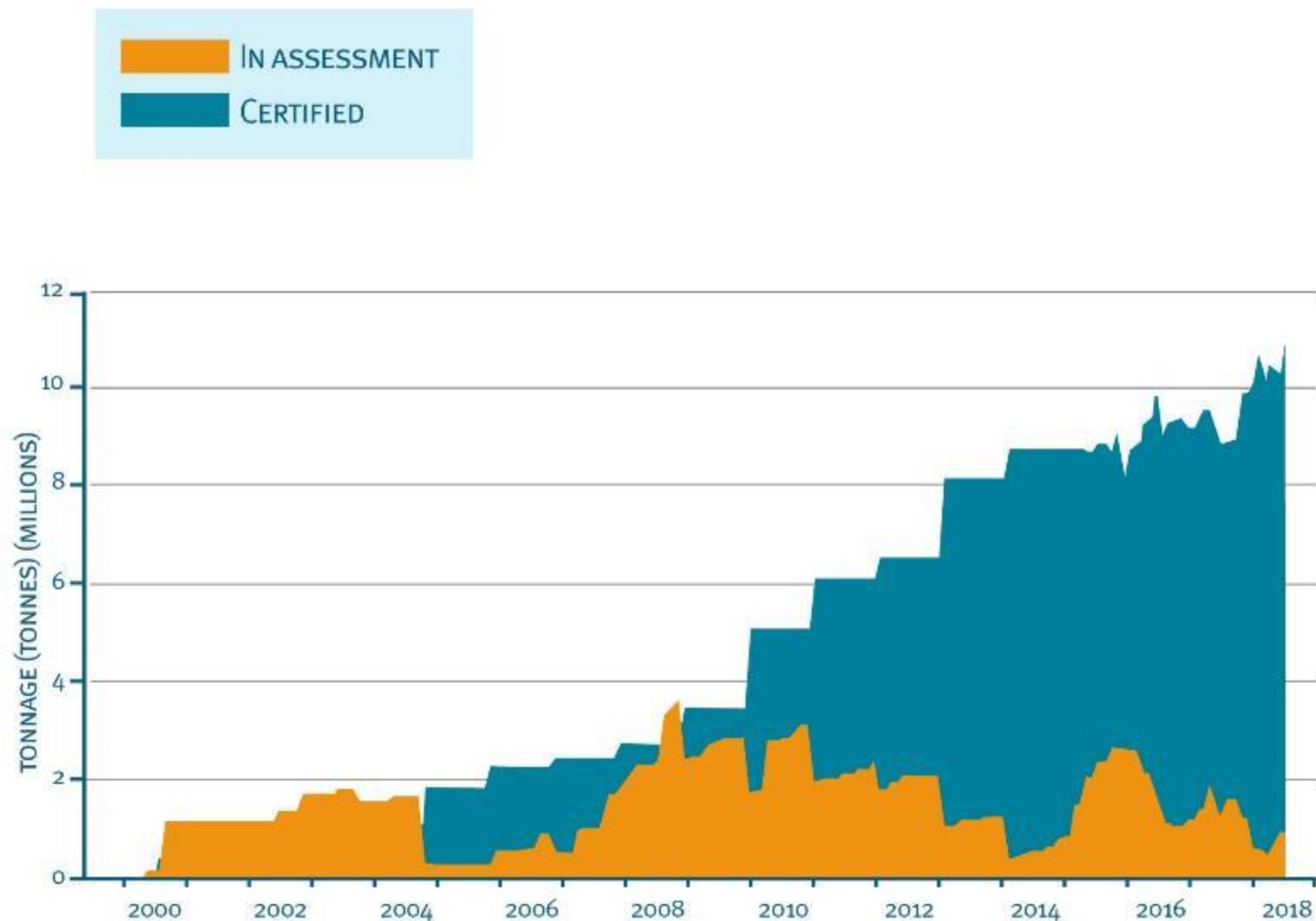


# Fisheries in the MSC program 2017-18

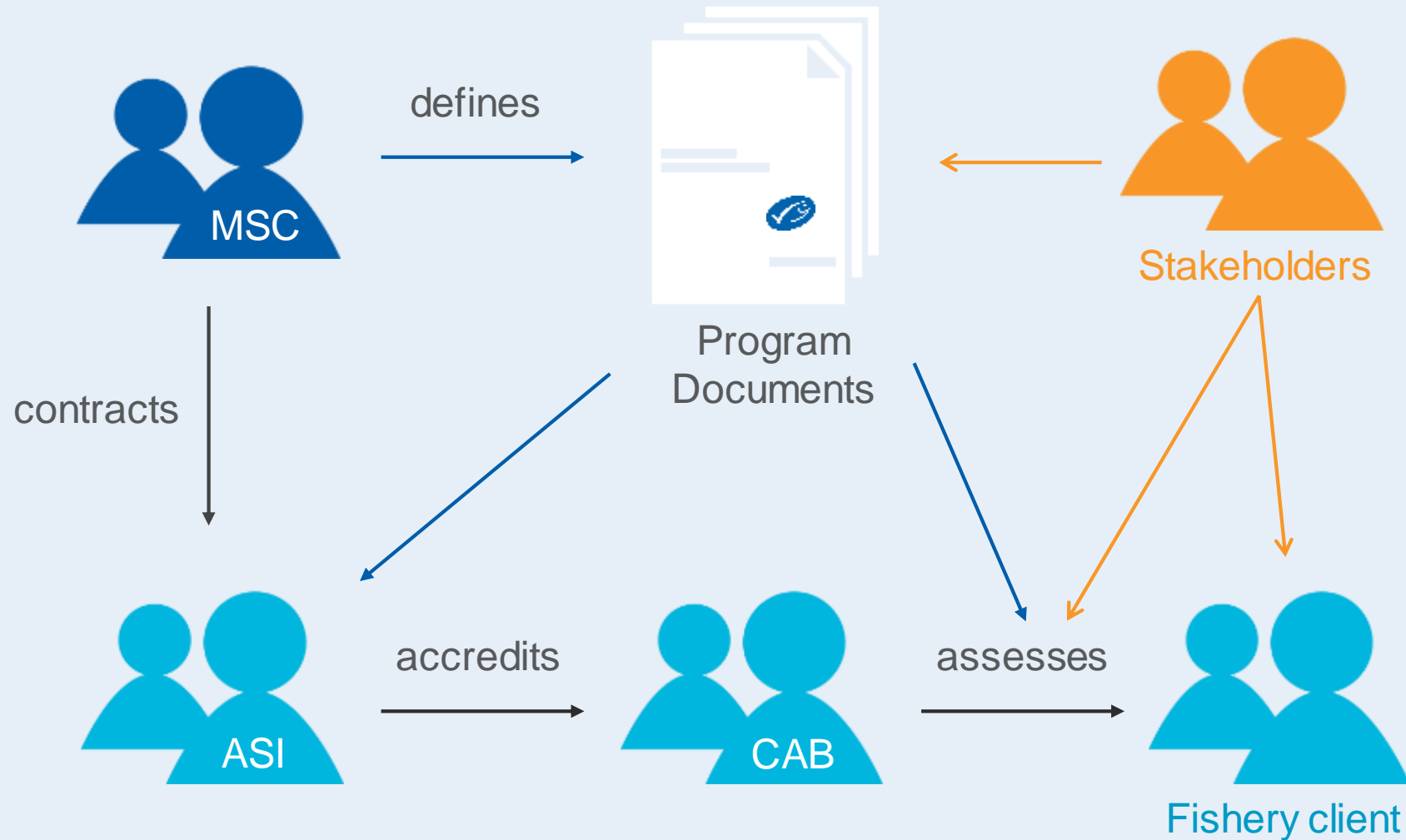
**30** NEW FISHERIES CERTIFIED

**41** FISHERIES RECERTIFIED

**27** FISHERIES SUSPENDED /  
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# MSC assessment model



# 1.1 Engaging in individual fisheries assessments

Up to 28 February 2019



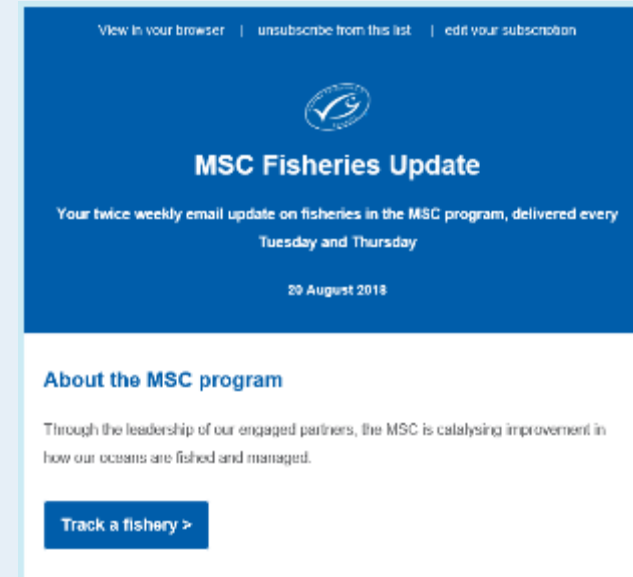
# 1.1 Engagement in individual fisheries assessments



**Current – up to 28 February 2019**

## - Fisheries Updates

- Sign up to Fisheries Updates on the MSC website.
- Updates every Tuesday and Thursday.
- Explain opportunities for stakeholder input and which CAB to get in touch with.



# 1.1 Best ways to get involved



## Current – up to 28 February 2019

- **Fisheries Updates**
- **Site Visit**
  - Information in Fisheries Updates.
  - Best input is to provide evidence to CABs
  - Stakeholders can attend in person or remotely to discuss information with the assessment team.

# 1.1 Best ways to get involved



## Current – up to 28 February 2019

- **Fisheries Updates**
- **Site Visit**
- **Public Comment Draft Report**
  - Information in Fisheries Updates.
  - Report with scores and rationales drafted by assessment team and reviewed by CAB.
  - Document has also been peer reviewed.
  - Stakeholders have 30 days to review the report and provide written input.

# 1.1 Best ways to get involved



## Current – up to 28 February 2019

- Fisheries Updates
- Site Visit
- Public Comment Draft Report
- Information released that results in a change of situation for the fishery
  - CABs will review at next surveillance audit or decide whether to trigger an expedited audit.

# 1.2 Engaging in individual fisheries assessments

After 28 February 2019





On 31 August 2018, the MSC released a new version of the Fisheries Certification Process v2.1 (FCP). These changes become effective from **February 2019**.

**Changes to the Fisheries Certification Process mean changes to how a fishery is assessed:**

- More information about a fishery available at assessment announcement
- An improved process when fisheries overlap
- New labour requirements

# Fisheries Certification Requirements v2.0



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# Fisheries Certification Process v2.1

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# 1.2 Best ways to get involved



**Effective from 28 February 2019**

## **- Fisheries Updates**

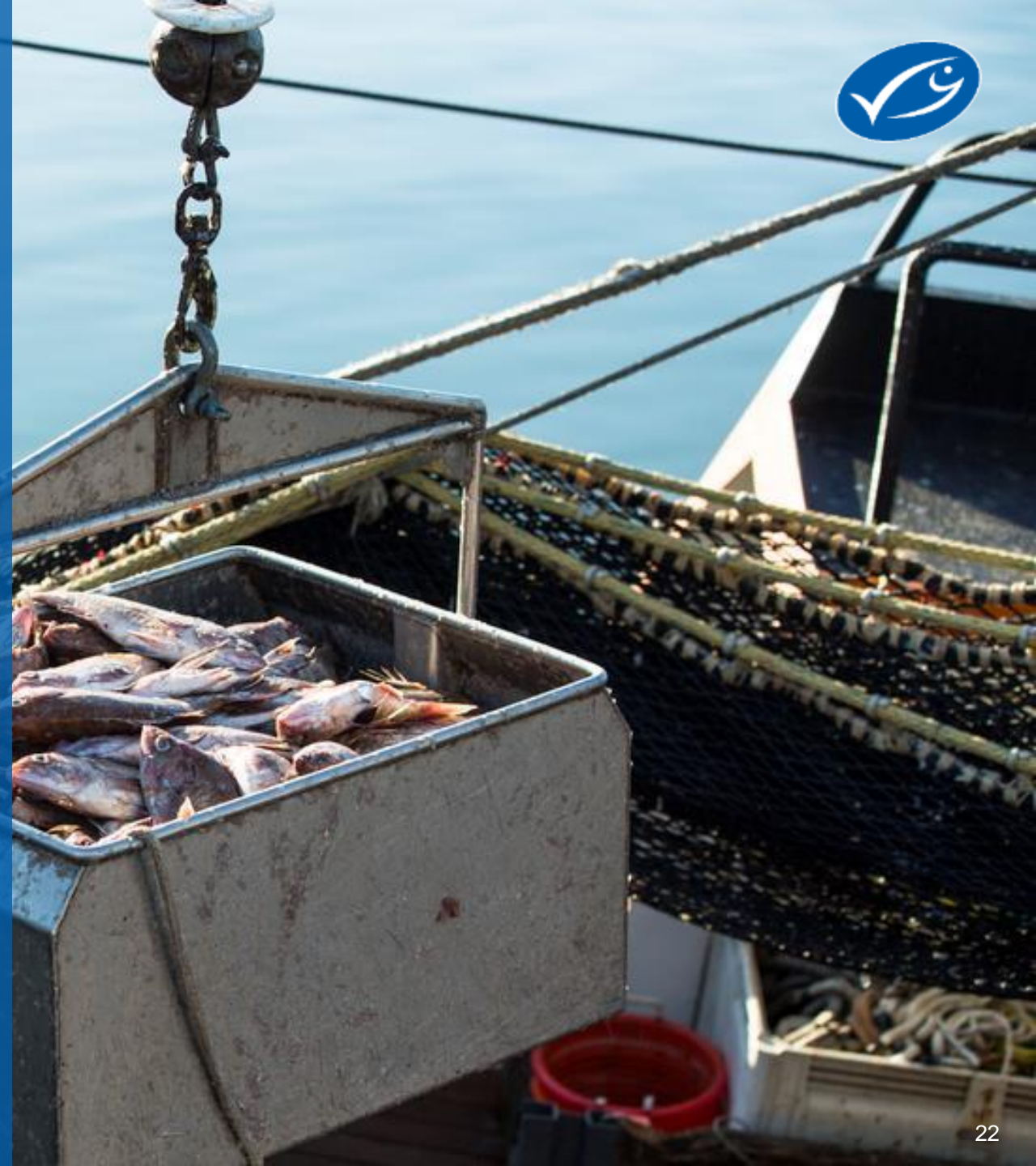
### **Announcement Comment Draft Report**

60 days stakeholder input (30 days for reassessments)

Draft report released at announcement with draft scoring ranges, an indication of information quality, and full reference lists.

- Site Visit**
- Public Comment Draft Report**
- Information released that results in a change of situation for the fishery**

# MSC Fisheries Standard





**P1 – Stock status**

**P2 – Minimising environmental impact**

**P3 – Effective management**

# MSC Fisheries Standard - Cetaceans




**P2 – Minimising environmental impact**

**P3 – Effective management**

- Endangered, Threatened and Protected (ETP) species
  - Listing under ASCOBANS is a trigger for ETP categorisation, amongst others.



SA3.1.5.2 Species listed in the binding international agreements given below: 

- a. [Appendix 1 of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species \(CITES\)](#), unless it can be shown that the particular stock of the CITES listed species impacted by the UoA under assessment is not endangered.
- b. Binding agreements concluded under the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), including:
  - i. [Annex 1 of the Agreement on Conservation of Albatross and Petrels \(ACAP\)](#);
  - ii. [Table 1 Column A of the African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement \(AEWA\)](#);
  - iii. [Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas \(ASCOBANS\)](#);
  - iv. [Annex 1, Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area \(ACCOBAMS\)](#);
  - v. [Wadden Sea Seals Agreement](#);
  - vi. Any other binding agreements that list relevant ETP species concluded under this Convention.

# MSC Fisheries Standard - Cetaceans



## P2 – Minimising environmental impact

## P3 – Effective management

- Endangered, Threatened and Protected (ETP) species
  - Listing under ASCOBANS is a trigger for ETP categorisation, amongst others.
  - Population must be assessed against more robust criteria and fisheries must complete reviews of alternative measures to determine whether they could reduce impacts.
  - The assessment team will consider direct and indirect effects.
  - Cumulative impacts - assessment team must assess impact of all MSC fisheries to determine.

# Fisheries Standard Review





# Fisheries Standard Review - Terms of Reference Released today

MSC – Marine Stewardship Council



## Terms of Reference for the MSC Fisheries Standard Review

25 September 2018

This document is publicly available on the MSC website ([www.msc.org](http://www.msc.org))

# Objectives for the FSR



- **Reduce standard complexity** to reduce barriers for new fisheries seeking certification and aid in retention of currently certified fisheries.
- **Increase standard applicability and accessibility** for fisheries in the global south, for high priority large marine ecosystems and for high priority species.
- **Improve data collection** to enable rigorous monitoring and evaluation and improve evidence-based decision-making.
- **Enhance program credibility and legitimacy** by addressing emerging issues from implementation of FCR v2.0.
- **Incorporate improved scientific understanding and fishery management practice** into the Fisheries Standard consistent with MSC policy.

# ETP in the Fisheries Standard Review



- Feedback that best practice management and information-gathering has changed.
- Potential to investigate methods of ETP designation that transcend jurisdiction to ensure cumulative impacts are applied as the MSC intends.





## - Internal Reviews

- Comparing CAB scoring and rationales for different versions of the MSC Standard v1.3 and v2.0.
- Review of practices in National Plan of Action (NPOAs) for seabirds with a specific focus on link to management plan, including any specified population objectives.
  - “Favourable Conservation status” – review definitions and how measurable term is.
- Data-limited methods for estimating impact on ETP species.
- ETP Designation – are populations being missed? E.g. sharks.



- **Internal Reviews**
- **MSC Technical Advisory Board**
- **Technical Workshops**
  - Mid-2019
  - Designating ETP species
  - Incentivising information-gathering in MSC fisheries
- **Public Consultation on directions**
  - Late-2019



- Website for the MSC Fisheries Standard Review - [msc.org/fsr](https://msc.org/fsr)
- Register interest to be kept up-to-date and participate in technical or public consultations.





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# Questions?



# Thank You

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