

**Revision of ('Sea Lice') Indicator 3.1.7 to
the ASC Salmon Standard
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

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**Recomendations for a
Revised Indicator 3.1.7 to the
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Sea Lice Indicator Revision – FAQs

1. What is the Title of the ‘Sea Lice’ document going for public consultation?

“*Recommendation for a Revised (‘Sea Lice’) Indicator 3.1.7 to the ASC Salmon Standard (March 2021)*”.

2. Which Indicator is subject to revision?

This revision focuses on the requirements of Indicator 3.1.7 of the ASC Salmon Standard v 1.3, which deals with “*maximum on-farm lice levels during sensitive periods for wild salmonids*”.

Criterion 3.1 Introduced or amplified parasites and pathogens

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3.1.7 In areas of wild salmonids, maximum on-farm lice levels during sensitive periods for wild fish. ⁴⁷ See detailed requirements in Appendix II, subsection 2	0.1 mature female lice per farmed fish
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3. Why is this indicator subject to revision?

To ensure that the indicator is set at an accurate level and reflects best practice within the global salmon industry.

4. How were the recommendations being proposed for consultation developed?

ASC has convened a Technical Working Group which is composed of two groups, a (core) Technical Group (TG) and a (wider) Technical Consultation Group (TCG), enabling a staged consultation approach prior to full public consultation. The TG has reviewed available research and consulted with stakeholder members of the TCG to develop various recommendations for public consultation.

The paper “Recommendations for a revised indicator 3.1.7 to the ASC Salmon Standard” summarises the research reviewed and rationale for suggested revisions.

5. What is the scope of the revision?

The revision includes four specific aspects:

- A. Lice species/life stage/gender for which to set a metric.
- B. Requirements for non-sensitive periods.
- C. Requirements on sea lice sampling protocols.
- D. Regional approaches for setting on-farm sea lice levels.

To date, recommendations for a revised indicator were developed for aspects A, B and C above. On the final aspect D, several core elements of a recommended approach have been identified, though the work is still under development. ASC wants to seek broader stakeholder feedback on the recommendations for aspects A, B and C and the recommended approach for aspect D, through public consultation. The assessment of this feedback will support the development of the final revised sea lice indicator.

6. Where can I find more information?

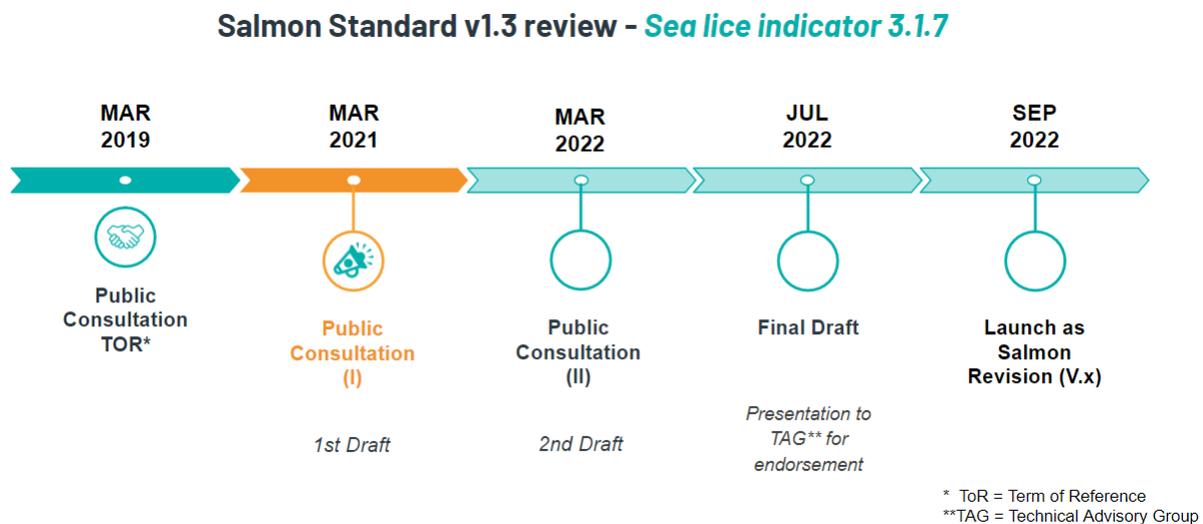
If you want to read more about this specific Salmon Standard Indicator 3.1.7 Revision, please [click here](#).

7. How can I participate and provide feedback?

ASC would welcome and encourage all interested stakeholders to take part in our Survey, please [click here](#).

8. What's next?

Here is the Timeline of this revision process:



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