



# Capture Fisheries Standard 2.0.0 Transition Policy

Fair Trade USA®

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## Purpose

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Fair Trade USA has updated its Capture Fisheries Standard that applies to all wild caught fisheries to sell Fair Trade Certified™ products. The purpose of this document is to outline the policy for transition from the Fair Trade USA Capture Fisheries Standard 1.1.0, to the new Capture Fisheries Standard version 2.0.0.

## Scope and Applicability

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This policy applies to all existing Certificate Holders and all applicants to be certified under the Capture Fisheries Standard (CFS) 2.0.0.

**On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, the CFS 2.0.0 becomes effective**, after this date, the previous version of the Standard (CFS 1.1.0) becomes obsolete. All audits carried out between May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 will be against the CFS 1.1.0. All audits carried out after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 will be against CFS 2.0.0.

For clarification on this policy, please contact Fair Trade USA's Certification team at [certification@fairtradeusa.org](mailto:certification@fairtradeusa.org).

## Related Documents

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- [Capture Fisheries Standard 2.0.0](#)
- [Requirements for Certificate Scope under the Capture Fisheries Standard](#)
- [Summary of Changes to the Capture Fisheries Standard 2.0.0](#)
- [Seafood Assurance Manual](#)

## 1. Existing Certificate Holders

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1.1. All audits will be conducted against the full requirements of the Capture Fisheries Standard 2.0.0 beginning on its effective date of **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**.

1.2. Normal audit cycle requirements will apply for all audits after the publication of CFS. For example, any Certificate Holders on their Year 3 audit must comply with Year 3 requirements of the applicable CFS.



1.3. A transition period of one year from publication of the standard, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, will be allowed for all criteria which represent “new” requirements<sup>1</sup>.

1.3.1. For audits taking place after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, flexibility is provided for any non-compliances (NCs) raised on “new” requirements. For these NCs, if the CAP due date falls before May 28<sup>th</sup>, a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) will be required, which describes the actions planned to be implemented in order to become compliant by May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. For NCs not categorized as “new”, the CAPs shall be implemented according to the normal process.

1.3.2. For audits conducted after May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, no requirement is considered “new” anymore and the normal CAP process applies.

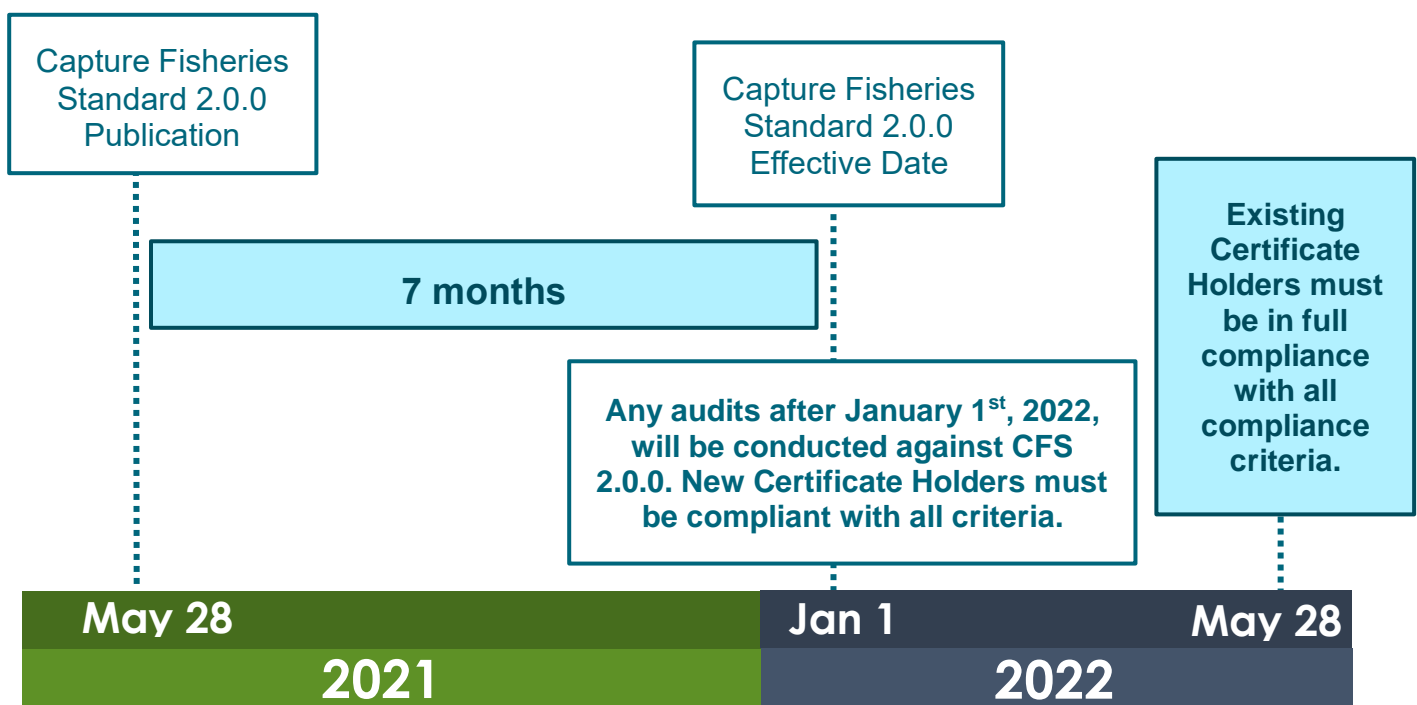
## 2. New Certificate Holders

2.1. All audits will be conducted against the full requirements of the Capture Fisheries Standard 2.0.0 beginning on its effective date of **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**.

2.2. For audits conducted after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, no requirement is considered “new”.

2.3. Audits taking place after May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and before the effective date on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 are conducted against the CFS 1.1.0.

## 3. Capture Fisheries Standard Timeline Overview



<sup>1</sup> “New” requirements are those criteria which did not exist in the CFS 1.1.0, and criteria which underwent a significant modification through the revision. “New” requirements will be determined by Fair Trade USA based on the previous version of the CFS. Please refer to the [Summary of Changes to the Capture Fisheries Standard 2.0.0](#) available on the [revision website](#).

