



Strengthening engagement with the Marine Stewardship Council

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- **Individual fisheries assessments**
 - Up to February 2019 (1.1)
 - After February 2019 (updated assessment process)(1.2)
- **Fisheries Standard**
- **Fisheries Standard Review**
 - Engaging in reviews of the MSC Fisheries Standard
 - Areas of review
 - Opportunities to get involved
- **Questions**



- To stay up-to-date with individual fisheries' assessments, you can sign up to Fisheries Updates, visit [fisheries.msc.org](https://www.fisheries.msc.org)
- To register your interest to be involved in development of the MSC Fisheries Standard, visit www.msc.org/fsr
- If you have any questions or would like more information about the MSC, please email standards@msc.org or email me - matt.gummery@msc.org

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.

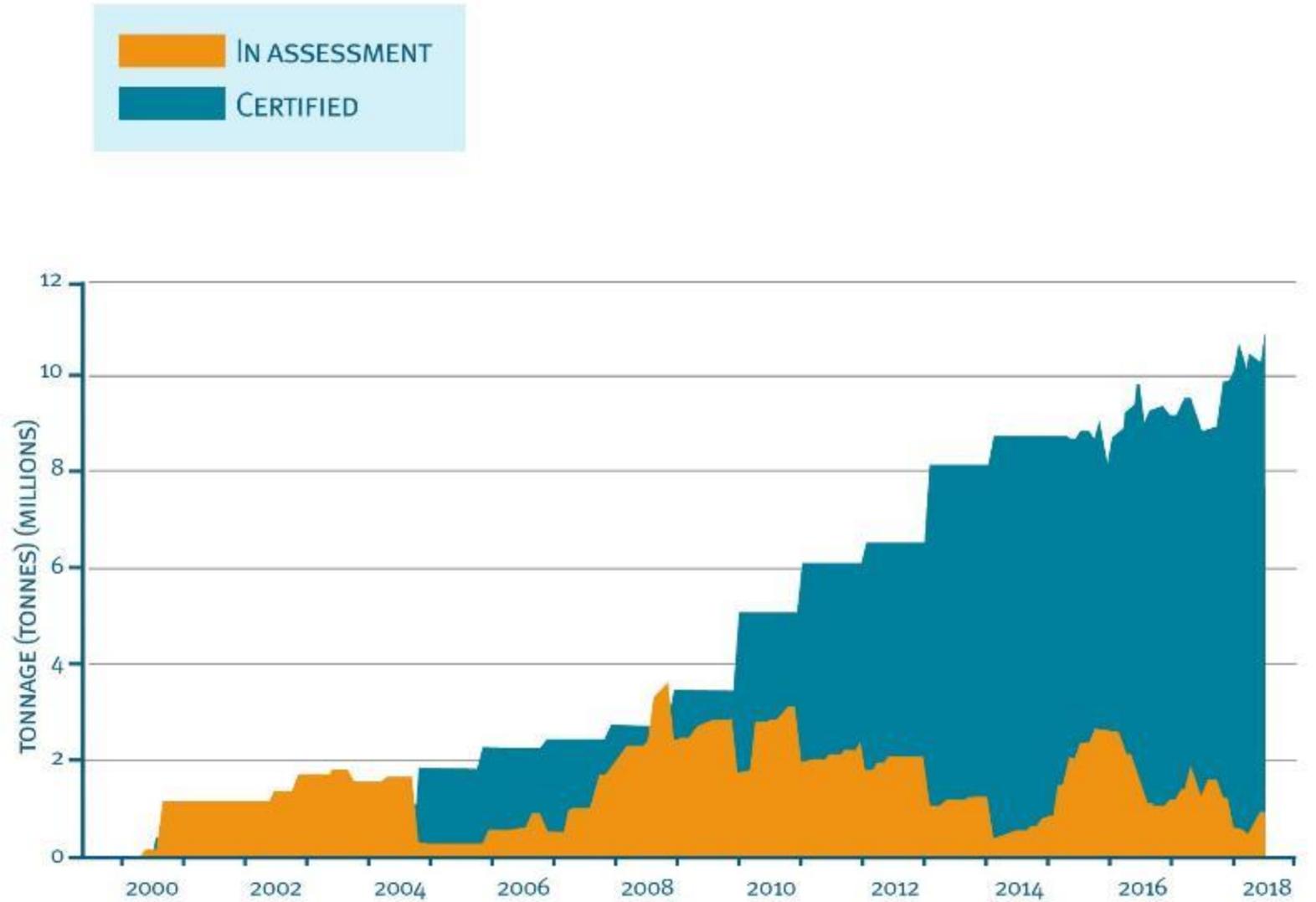


Fisheries in the MSC program 2017-18

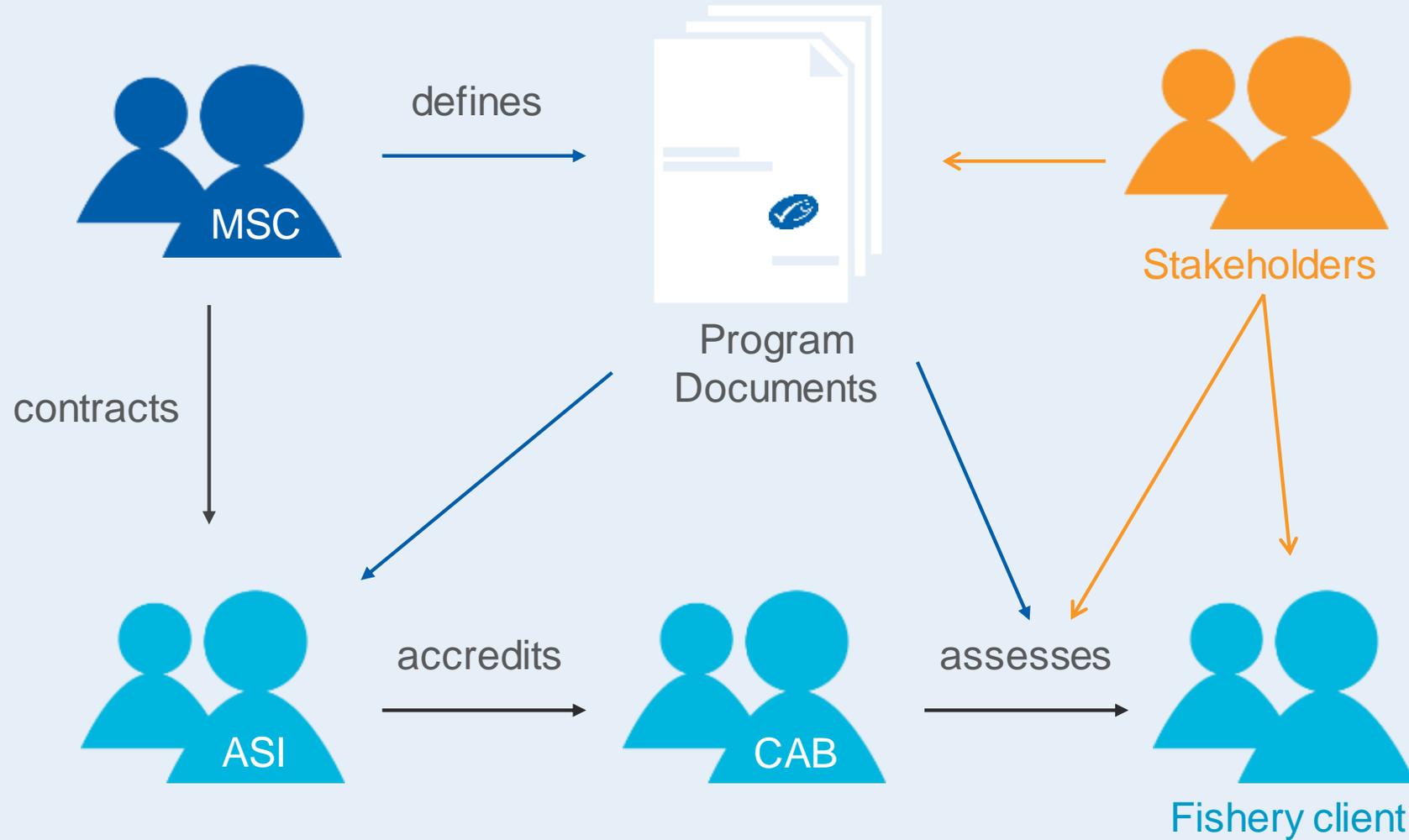
30 NEW FISHERIES CERTIFIED

41 FISHERIES RECERTIFIED

27 FISHERIES SUSPENDED / WITHDREW



MSC assessment model



1.1 Engaging in individual fisheries assessments

Up to 28 February 2019



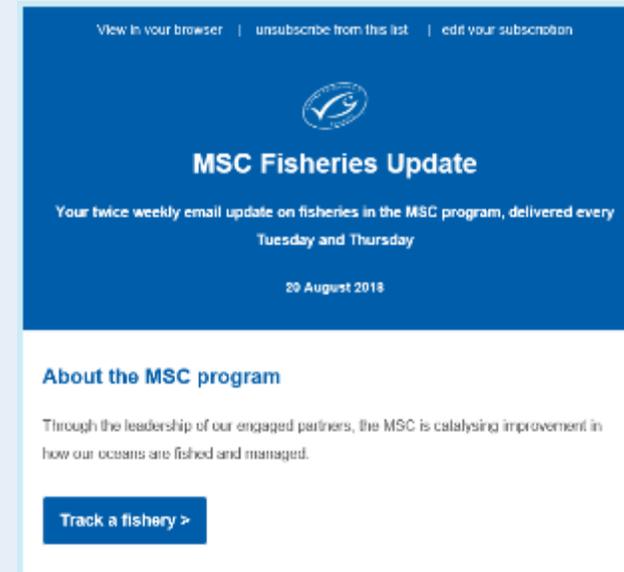
1.1 Engagement in individual fisheries assessments



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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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.

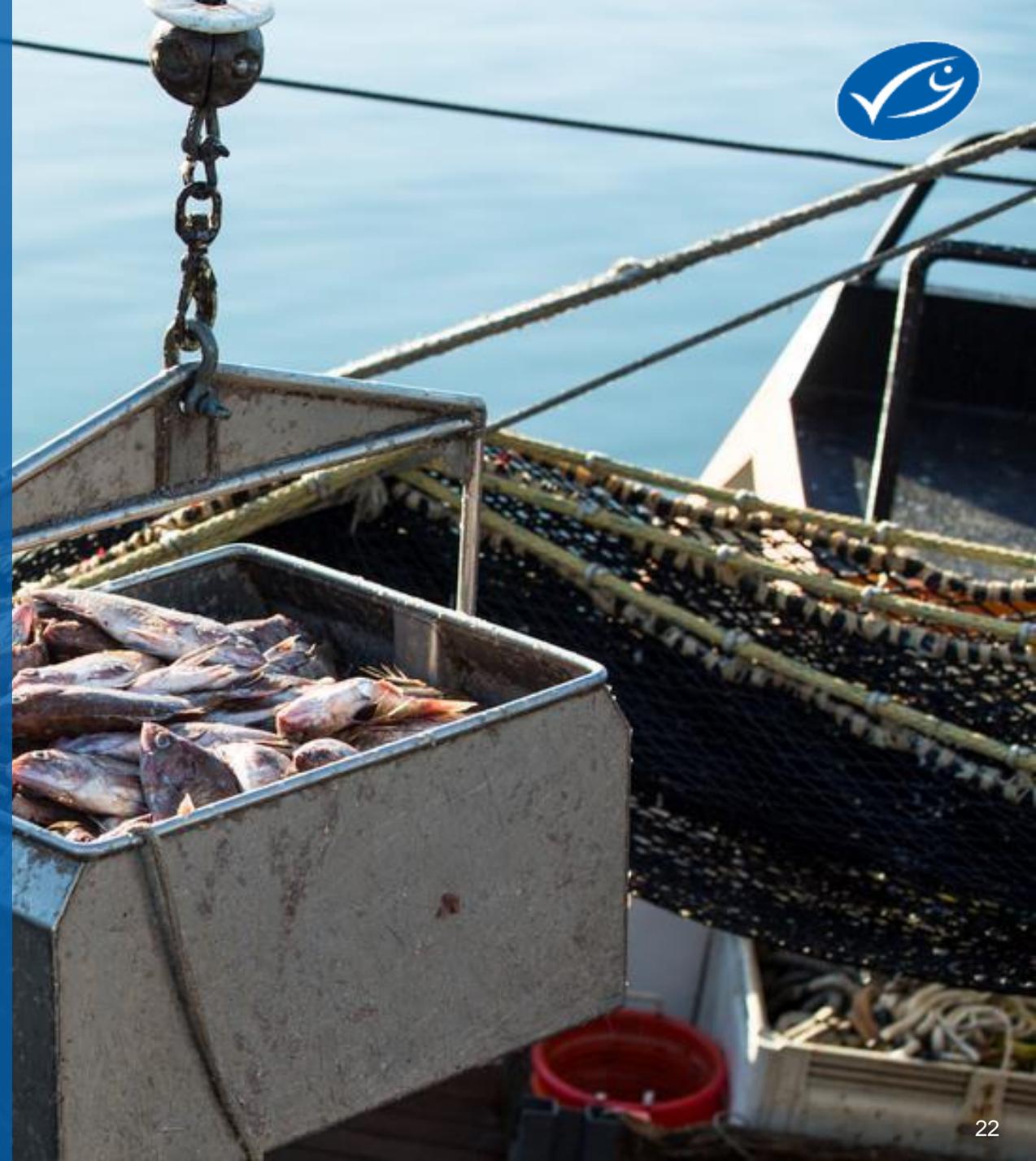
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MSC Fisheries Standard





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)

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.



- 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://www.msc.org/fsr)
- Register interest to be kept up-to-date and participate in technical or public consultations.

A screenshot of the MSC Fisheries Standard Review website. The header includes the MSC logo and navigation links: 'Media Centre', 'News and opinion', 'For teachers', 'MSC International', and 'Donate'. Below the header is a main navigation bar with links: 'What we are doing', 'What you can do', 'Standards and certification', 'For business', and 'About the MSC'. The main content area features a large blue banner with the text 'The Fisheries Standard Review'. Below the banner, there is a 'Related Pages' sidebar with a menu icon and a list of links. The main text area contains the following information:

Home > Developing our Standards > The Fisheries Standard Review

Every five years the MSC initiates a Fisheries Standard Review (FSR).

The FSR is an opportunity to improve the Fisheries Standard by addressing issues raised by stakeholders and by our own monitoring and evaluation processes, and to incorporate widely accepted new science or fisheries management best practice.

The latest review started in 2018 and will run until 2021. Stakeholder input is an important part of policy development and there will be many opportunities for you to participate in the FSR.

What is the aim of the FSR?



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