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Development of the MEL Aquaculture
Management Standard (AMS)

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The Board of Directors, Marine Eco-Label Japan (MEL) Council, convened in writing on 1st June 2017, has agreed to establish the Aquaculture Standard Setting Committee. The committee develops Aquaculture Management Standard (AMS) and other scheme documents (including Certification Manuals and the Requirements for the Certification Body).

1. The development of AMS and its objective and goal

The development of Aquaculture Management Standard (AMS) shall be conducted for the purpose of evaluation of aquaculture producers engaged in responsible production, giving due consideration to conservation of natural resources and the environment, and consumer confidence. The Aquaculture Certification Standard are developed to meet the requirements in the benchmark tool provided by GSSI (Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative) .

The revisions of other scheme documents are conducted to ensure the transparency and credibility of MEL certification scheme. Especially the development of the Requirements for Certification Bodies will ensure a high-quality certification process by establishing a clear guideline for the certification bodies to follow.

2. The Schedule of development of AMS

The development of AMS shall be conducted according to the procedures stipulated in the Operational Management Regulation as are the Fisheries Management Standard and the Chain of Custody Standard. The schedule of development is described in the separate sheet (1-1). The schedule will be revised every 6 months and made publicly available on MEL website.

3. Decision making by the Aquaculture Certification Standard Committee

Decisions of the standard setting committee such as approval of Aquaculture management Standard (AMS) shall be made based on the consensus of all members of the committee including the chair.

4. Geographic requirements of the AMS

Scope of Application of the AMS including the geographic requirements shall be stipulated by standard.

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Schedules for Aquaculture Management Standard

