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Requirements for Certification Bodies – Revision Comparison Table

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Fisheries 5.11.3 Emergency Audit	If it is determined that there is a possibility of non-conformity with the requirements of the Fisheries Standard, or that a serious risk exists regarding the credibility of the scheme, the certification body shall conduct an emergency audit of the certification applicant. Information relating to this risk shall be validated, and shall be shared if the Council so requests. Furthermore, where the information indicating a serious risk to the credibility of the scheme is highly reliable information provided by a public authority, the certification body may establish non-conformity with the certification requirements and suspend the certification without following the procedures set out in 5.11.4 and 5.11.5. When taking this action, the certification body shall notify the relevant client in writing, stating the reasons for doing so.	If it is determined that there is a possibility of non-conformity with the requirements of the Fisheries Standard, or that a serious risk exists regarding the credibility of the scheme, the certification body shall conduct an emergency audit of the certification applicant. Information relating to this risk shall be verified, and shall be shared if the Council so requests.
Aquaculture 5.11.3 Emergency Audit	If it is determined that there is a possibility of non-conformity with the requirements of the Aquaculture Standard, or that a serious risk exists regarding the credibility of the scheme, the certification body shall conduct an emergency audit of the certification applicant. Information relating to this risk shall be validated, and shall be shared if the Council so requests. Furthermore, where the information indicating a serious risk to the credibility of the scheme is highly reliable information provided by a public authority, the certification body may establish non-conformity with the certification requirements and suspend the certification without following the procedure set out in 5.11.4. When taking this action, the certification body shall notify the relevant client in writing, stating the reasons for doing so.	If it is determined that there is a possibility of non-conformity with the requirements of the Aquaculture Standard, or that a serious risk exists regarding the credibility of the scheme, the certification body shall conduct an emergency audit of the certification applicant. Information relating to this risk shall be verified, and shall be shared if the Council so requests.
CoC 5.11.2 Emergency Audit	If it is determined that there is a possibility of non-conformity with the requirements of the CoC Standard, or that a serious risk exists regarding the credibility of the scheme, the certification body shall conduct an emergency audit of the certification applicant. Information relating to this risk shall be	If it is determined that there is a possibility of non-conformity with the requirements of the CoC Standard, or that a serious risk exists regarding the credibility of the scheme, the certification body shall conduct an emergency audit of the certification applicant. Information relating to this risk shall be

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CoC 1.5 Qualification of the Certification Applicant	A certification applicant is an organization applying for Chain of Custody certification (hereinafter "CoC Certification"), or an organization that has already obtained CoC Certification. The certification body shall confirm that the party operating the business subject to the audit holds the permits or licenses required in the relevant country for that business, or is conducting the business lawfully in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.	A certification applicant is an organization applying for Chain of Custody certification (hereinafter "CoC Certification"), or an organization that has already obtained CoC Certification.