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FIP Review Guidelines Summary of Changes Version 2.0

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In the latest version of the FIP Review Guidelines (version 2.0), FisheryProgress integrated the Environmental Review Guidelines with the Social Review Guidelines. FisheryProgress incorporated feedback that was collected for both the environmental and social guidelines, and made changes to reflect the recent updates to the [Human Rights and Social Responsibility Policy \(version 1.1\)](#). These changes aim to improve the clarity and readability of the FIP Review Guidelines and ensure they function as a tool for FIPs to reference when creating a new FIP profile, submitting progress reports, or making changes to their existing FIPs. The following table provides more details on the major changes.

Theme	Description of changes
Integration of the Changes to the HRSR Policy (September 2022 Announcement)	The FIP Review Guidelines version 2.0 fully integrates the Amendment to Version 1.0 of the HRSR Policy. Please see the Summary of Changes to the HRSR Policy for details on the changes made to the HRSR Policy.
Consolidation of Social and Environmental Review Criteria	The FIP Review Guidelines version 2.0 combines both environmental and social review criteria used by FisheryProgress FIP reviewers when reviewing new or existing FIP profiles. Previously, this information was captured in separate documents. Version 2.0 consolidates this information so users can find all criteria in one document.
Alignment with the CASS FIP Guidelines	Version 2.0 incorporates the changes made to the Conservation Alliance for Seafood Solution Guidelines for Supporting Fishery Improvement Projects .
Grace Periods	FIPs will no longer be granted the two-week grace period for progress reporting.

Reporting Changes	<p>FIP profile changes that FisheryProgress will review in between progress reporting cycles will be strictly limited to (<i>see Section 4.2.6 of the FIP Review Guidelines</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Updates to FIP Participants. ● Updates to the Policy Statement(s) and Policy Statement Description template due to changes in FIP participants. ● Significant changes in scope of the FIP.
General Changes	<p>The following changes were made to improve the Review Guidelines' clarity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clarified that prospective FIPs can only be listed on the website for a total of 12 consecutive months. Once the Prospective FIP reaches the 12-month period, it has to transition to a basic or comprehensive FIP in order to continue on the website (<i>Section 3.1 of the FIP Review Guidelines</i>). ● Clarified what steps, information, and documents are required versus optional when creating a new FIP profile (<i>Section 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 of the FIP Review Guidelines</i>). ● Clarified what steps, information, and documents are required versus optional when submitting progress reports (<i>Section 4.3.3 and 4.3.4 of the FIP Review Guidelines</i>).

Looking Forward

The FIP Review Guidelines version 2.0 will be in effect until the next minor revision takes place, which is anticipated to begin in mid-2023 and conclude in early 2024. This future revision will reflect changes made to the FisheryProgress website (forthcoming in 2023) and will incorporate broader feedback received on the FIP Review Guidelines version 2.0. We continue to welcome feedback on all aspects of our Review Guidelines at any time, for consideration during future revisions. Please email us with any comments or questions at contact@fisheryprogress.org.