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FIP Review Guidelines 2020 Update

FisheryProgress reviews the FIPs listed on the site using its [FIP Review Guidelines](#). While the Conservation Alliance's [Guidelines for Supporting Fishery Improvement Projects](#) provide the foundation for the site, the FIP Review Guidelines provide detailed information on eligibility for the site, the protocols for creating a profile and reporting FIP progress, and the site's quality control and appeals process.

FisheryProgress revises the guidelines every two years to accommodate improvements to the website, clarify existing guidance, and account for changes in the FIP landscape. The site's [Advisory Committee](#) and [Technical Oversight Committee](#) provide input and guidance on the changes.

Key changes in the 2020 revision of the FIP Review Guidelines include:

- **Updated participant criteria.** FisheryProgress updated the participant information section on its FIP profiles to help FIPs provide more transparency about who is involved and what their contributions are, as well as ensure that FisheryProgress can keep FIP participants in the loop about major changes to the FIP's site status. Changes include the ability for FIPs to provide more information about their participants and requiring contact information to be used if there are pending changes to a FIP's status.
- **Updated annual review criteria.** FisheryProgress has updated its annual review criteria to include an update of workplan tasks and a review of evidence for completed actions and tasks, to align with how FIPs on the site are using the action and task features and ensure the reviewers can gauge progress appropriately.
- **A refined appeals process.** FisheryProgress refined its appeals process to ensure a thorough and fair process both for FIPs listed on the site and other FisheryProgress stakeholders. The changes help to clarify the scope for appeals, what evidence is required, and the process the site's Advisory Committee and Technical Oversight Committee will use to review appeals.

Other updates have been made to accommodate for new features on the site, such as the ability to [comment on a FIP](#).

FIPs currently listed on FisheryProgress will be expected to become compliant with the revised guidelines by their next annual report (note there are some requirements starting in March 2021 for FIPs coming on the site). New FIPs will be required to be compliant with the revised guidelines criteria during their initial review.

Users may access the revised FIP Review Guidelines [here](#), and can [contact FisheryProgress](#) with any questions or feedback.