



**CANADIAN
AQUACULTURE**
INDUSTRY ALLIANCE

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Certification of Canadian Farmed Seafood



Validation of Environmental,
Social & Economic Sustainability

Canada 

It is important

for customers of Canadian farmed seafood to know more about what they are buying and how it is raised.

Independent third party aquaculture certification is a trusted “stamp of approval” validating that farmed seafood products meet comprehensive food safety, environmental and social standards.

In Canada, this independent verification provides added assurance of responsible seafood farming practices in a

country with some of the world’s toughest and well-enforced regulatory frameworks for aquaculture.

Certification programs have subtle differences but they all promote principles, criteria and objectives that are viewed as the basis of sustainable aquaculture management.

All independent aquaculture certification systems require third-party audits, annual surveillance audits, and public disclosure of findings through audit reports.



Following is a snapshot of certification that members of the Canadian Aquaculture Industry Alliance have achieved. Many other Canadian companies are in the process of achieving certification and others are examining their options.

Member Company	Certification	Additional Certification
FINFISH		
Atlantic Salmon		
Cooke Aquaculture	Global Aquaculture Alliance BAP Four-Star Certified (Farming, Processing and Hatcheries)	All North American plants certified to British Retail Consortium (BRC) Global Standards for Food Safety
Creative Salmon	Canadian Organic Certification	
Grieg Seafood BC	Six farms three-star Global Aquaculture Alliance BAP Certified	
Cermaq Canada	All farms three-star Global Aquaculture Alliance BAP Certified	ISO 14001 EM; ISO 9001 QM; OHS 18001; ISO 22000 FSM; Aboriginal Principles for Sustainable Aquaculture; Food and Manufacturing Industry Occupational Safety Alliance Certification; Operational Safety Standard of Excellence
Marine Harvest Canada	All farms three-star Global Aquaculture Alliance BAP Certified; Two Sites four-star Global Aquaculture Alliance BAP Freshwater certification; One site (Marsh Bay) certified to the ASC standard.	
Northern Harvest Sea Farms	Global Aquaculture Alliance BAP Four-Star Certified (Farming, Processing and Hatcheries)	ISO 14001 EM Standards
Sturgeon & Sturgeon Caviar		
Breviro Caviar	Ocean Wise Certification	CITES Appendix I Captive Breeding Certification/License for Acipenser Brevirostrum
Northern Divine/Target Marine	Canadian Organic Certification; Ocean Wise, Green Best Choice by SeaChoice and Seafood Watch	
SHELLFISH		
Mussels		
Atlantic Aqua Farms	Global Aquaculture Alliance BAP Certified (Farming); Canadian Organic Certification (Farming and Processing)	Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) Safe Quality Food (SQF 2000) (Processing)
NAIA / Badger Bay Mussel Farms	Canadian Organic Certification	
Prince Edward Aqua Farms	Global Aquaculture Alliance BAP Certified (Farming)	Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) Safe Quality Food (SQF 2000) (Processing)
Oysters		
Mills Seafood		Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) Safe Quality Food (SQF 2000) (Processing)
FEED		
EWOS	Global Aquaculture Alliance BAP and Global Gap Certified; Canadian Organic Certification	ISO 22000:2005 (FSM); OHSAS 18001:2007 (OHS); ISO 14001:2004 (EM); ISO 9001 (2008)
Skretting	Global Aquaculture Alliance BAP certified and Global G.A.P (Vancouver)	ISO 9001:2008 ,HACCP and Feed Assure (Vancouver)

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

There is growing approval and support coming from a broad range of Aquariums. Some Companies are endorsed by the Aquarium of the Pacific Seafood for the Future, while many are endorsed by Ocena Wise and the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

EM = Environmental Management **QM** = Quality Management **FSM** = Food Safety Management
OHS = Occupational Health and Safety **BAP** = Best Aquaculture Practices



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