

Major Alaska Salmon Producers Withdraw from MSC Program

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Major Alaska salmon producers have decided not to continue with the Marine Stewardship Council certification program for Alaska salmon. It appears that the primary issue between the Alaska processors and the Marine Stewardship council has been the cost to processors to remain in the certification program. MSC has been rapidly changing its funding sources to rely on program and licensing fees, rather than contributions from charitable foundations. In the most recent annual reports, total program funding has risen to more than 50% of the overall budget. This is pressuring those who must now pay these fees to reconsider their participation in the MSC certification program. While participation in the MSC program has been growing by leaps and bounds in recent years the withdrawal of the Alaska salmon producers will no doubt dampen the enthusiasm of others. More here http://www.thecordovaitimes.com//article/1203marine_stewardship_council_losing_ground_with

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