

SFI STANDARD REVISION PROCESS



SFI revises and updates the SFI Standards every five years to incorporate the latest scientific information and to respond to emerging issues. For the first time ever, SFI's current SFI standard revision process is outside the 5-year renewal timeline. SFI has now aligned the standard revision process with the new revision process adopted by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest certification (PEFC). As such, the new timeline enables SFI to incorporate enhancements from PEFC's benchmark standards into SFI requirements, as well as other initiatives under development.

SFI will launch the revised SFI Standards in January 2022. Certified organizations have one year (December 2022) to transition to the revised standards. Draft SFI standards will be publicly available throughout the revision process.

The current SFI 2015-2019 Standards and Rules are extended through December 2021.

KEY MILESTONES: SFI STANDARD REVISION PROCESS

The Standard revision process ensures credibility and transparency allowing everyone to participate. The start of the process will be publicly communicated on the SFI website, in newsletters and emails inviting comments. Broad involvement is important to the SFI program. This open and transparent process includes those from the conservation community, Indigenous communities, forest products industry, customers, private forest landowners, local and federal government agencies, trade associations, landowner associations, academia and others. Everyone is invited to participate in the collaborative review process.

LAUNCH STANDARD REVISION

2019

- Kick-off standard revision workshop at SFI Annual Conference in Richmond, VA – October 23, 2019
- 30-day public comment period October 23 – November 21, 2019
- Call for SFI Standard Revision Task Group Candidates – First week of September 2019

If you want to participate in the SFI FM, FS, or CoC & Labeling Task Group, contact Gregor.Macintosh@sfiprogram.org, Senior Director, Standards. SFI will work to accommodate all candidates. Task Group composition will be based on interest, expertise and balanced representation. Meetings start January 2020.

DRAFT STANDARDS

2020

- Regional workshop –May-June 2020
 - Vancouver, BC (indigenous interests focus)
 - Duluth, MN
 - Charlotte, NC
 - Ottawa, ON (conservation & government focus)
 - Portland, ME
 - Boise, ID
 - Atlanta, GA
 - Washington, DC (conservation & government focus)
 - Quebec City, QC (bilingual French workshop)
 - Webinar - Q2 2020
- 60-day public comment period on first revised standards draft – May – June 2020
- Task Groups, SFI Resources Committee and Board work on draft SFI Standards – all year

FINALIZE STANDARDS

2021

- Final approval of the revised SFI Standards and shared with SFI Community – Q2.
- SFI submits application for PEFC endorsement – Q3
- PEFC General Assembly approval of new revised SFI standards – November 2021