

# Project Abstract Summary

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Continued Revision and Updates to the AFS Blue Book: Standard Methods for Aquatic Pathogen Identification and Fish Health Management

\* Project Abstract

The AFS Fish Health Section (FHS) "Blue Book" - procedures for the detection and identification of finfish and shellfish pathogens - is an essential reference for state fisheries agencies and other professionals assessing the health status of aquatic animals. Although it is primarily used by fish health practitioners and laboratories, Blue Book methods help determine the health status of wild and cultured fish, with far reaching implications. Most states require the use of Blue Book methodology by explicitly referencing the document in administrative codes or regulations. The Blue Book is a critical resource for the safe production and movement of aquatic animals, and a Blue Book Revision Steering Committee has been recently established to direct the amendments.