

Marine Stewardship Council

Variation Request Form

This form details the information required from CABs to enable the MSC to consider a request to vary from their scheme requirements.

Please complete all unshaded fields. Where instructions are included in italics, please delete and replace with the described information.

Once complete, save and attach to an email to the MSC Fishery Assessment Manager assigned to the fishery being assessed or send to coc@msc.org if the variation is regarding a CoC requirement.

On receipt, the MSC will consider your request and will usually respond within 10 days.

If your variation request is regarding a fishery requirement, please note that all variation requests and the MSC response to the request will be published on the MSC website with announcements for the fishery.

Certification Body	Intertek Moody Marine
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	Canada Northern Shrimp Trawl Fishery
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Paul Knapman
Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	C.R. 27.22.3.1

Proposed variation
<i>To undertake the annual audit for the Canada northern and striped shrimp fisheries in Shrimp Fishing Areas (SFA) 2, 3, 4 outside of the annual reporting cycle and, to include within the same audit, the amended certifications for the Canada Northern Shrimp Trawl Fishery in SFA 5, 6 and SFA 7, as well as the Northern shrimp fisheries in SFA 1.</i>

Rationale/Justification
<i>In order to achieve maximum efficiencies in time and cost for the clients and the management bodies associated with these fisheries, IMM proposes that the audits take place in November 2012 (as opposed to the original certification date of 20th March 2013 and 24th June 2012 for SFA 1 and SFAs 2-6 & 7, respectively). This will:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1. Allow the audit cycle for the fishery in SFA 1 to be synchronised with the other certified SFAs thus reducing the need for separate annual audits, i.e. SFA 1 was certified 9 months after the other SFAs.</i><i>2. Fit more appropriately with the annual stock assessment reporting cycle for these fisheries, i.e. the audits will take place soon after the stock assessments are released for the DFO managed fisheries in SFA 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and NAFO managed fisheries in SFA 1 and 7.</i>

Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	
None	
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Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	No
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Further Comments

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