

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 the Certification Requirements.

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

Once complete, delete this first page of the document, save as a PDF file and send to either:

- The MSC Fishery Assessment Manager assigned to the certified fishery/fishery being assessed, or
- coc@msc.org, if the variation is requested in relation to a CoC requirement.

On receipt, the MSC will consider your request and will usually respond within 14 days.

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

This does not apply to the optional 'Confidential Information' section on page 3 of this document. If this is not required it can be left blank and deleted from the final completed Variation Request Form sent to the MSC. If used, the information will be used by MSC in considering the variation request but the page with this section will be deleted from the form before it is published.

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Date submitted to MSC	<i>15th February 2013</i>
Conformity Assessment Body	SAI Global Assurances (previously Global Trust Certification Ltd.)
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	US WFOA North Pacific Albacore tuna fishery and Canadian CHMSF North Pacific Albacore tuna fishery
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Dave Garforth
Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	<i>CR (V1.2) 27.22.13 If the CAB conducts an on-site audit, the CAB shall prepare a public surveillance report as set out in Annex CG and this shall be forwarded to the MSC within thirty days of completing the on-site component of the audit, for publication on the MSC website following agreement by the MSC that it is acceptable for publication.</i>
Is this variation sought in order to undertake an expedited P1 assessment (CR annex CL)?	No

1. Proposed variation

Surveillance report will be submitted 3 weeks after current deadline of 18th February 2013.

2. Rationale/Justification

The request will not alter the conformity of the certified fisheries to the MSC Standard. The request for variation will allow for consideration and application of harmonisation with an overlapping certified MSC fishery (AAFA North Pacific Albacore tuna fishery) requirements consistent with procedure and also allow for additional information presented at the surveillance audit to be effectively reviewed. The outcome will strengthen the current certifications with the MSC Standard and ensure outcomes are consistent with the requirements for harmonization.

3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

No further implications on the surveillance assessments are envisaged.

4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

Y An e-mail notifying stakeholders of the variation has been sent.

5. Further Comments

No further comments noted.

6. Confidential Information

There is no confidential information. Information used for harmonization review is contained in existing certified fisheries reports available on the MSC website.

A link is attached to the additional information presented by a stakeholder during the on-site audit.

<http://rsc-src.ca/en/expert-panels/rsc-reports/sustaining-canadas-marine-biodiversity>