

MSC Variation Request Form



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Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

Date submitted to MSC	10/11/15
Name of CAB	Acoura Marine Ltd.
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	Barents Sea cod, haddock and saithe
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Polly Burns
Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested	7.5.9 Certificate validity
Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?	No

1. Proposed variation	
An extension of the current certificate is required of 6 months, taking the expiry date till the 23 rd May 2016 or completion date, whichever comes up first. This is due to delays in the re-assessment timeline.	
2. Rationale/Justification	
<p>This fishery was certified initially on the 24th November 2010, with the current certificate expiring on the 23rd November 2015.</p> <p>The fishery entered re-assessment on 14th October 2014, and has required a revised timeline due to the final PDR period taking longer than anticipated, therefore meaning awarding the certificate is expected to occur after the current certificate expires.</p> <p>This requires an extension of the current certificate validity period beyond 5 years (CR 7.5.9) of 6 months, taking the expiry date till the 23rd May 2016 or completion date, whichever comes up first.</p> <p>All conditions from the original certification were closed prior to commencing reassessment, with three recommendations on target. It is therefore not expected that the delay in completing the reassessment would result in any negative consequences or additional risk for the stock or ecosystem.</p>	
3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	
<i>The fishery remains on target for its assessment timeline so there will be no changes to this, the only thing affected will be the certificate expiry date. This is not expected to affect future surveillance schedules.</i>	
4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	This variation request and response will act as notification of this change.
5. Further Comments	
N/A	

