



## Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

Date submitted to MSC	9 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
Name of CAB	Acoura Marine
Fishery Name	North West Atlantic Swordfish Harpoon and North West Atlantic Swordfish Longline
Programme Manager	Polly Burns
Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested	FCR 7.23.18 This Surveillance Report shall be forwarded to the MSC within 60 days of completing the audit, for publication on the MSC website.
Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?	No

<b>1. Proposed variation</b>	
Surveillance report will be submitted 5 weeks after current deadline of 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2017, making the new deadline the 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2017.	
<b>2. Rationale/Justification</b>	
An extension was previously granted for the submission of these surveillance reports, to allow for significant stakeholder input and technical queries requiring clarification from the MSC. The results of these clarifications are pending and we therefore request that a further 5 weeks to complete the reports is granted. This is in line with the timescale being aimed for by the MSC.	
<b>3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>	
There are no further delays anticipated if this request were to be accepted. The reassessment which is also ongoing for both fisheries will not be affected.	
<b>4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>	No – stakeholders were notified of the previous extension and if this one is granted they will be notified then too.
<b>5. Further Comments</b>	
None, thank you.	