

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	16.06.2014
Conformity Assessment Body	Det Norske Veritas Certification AS
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	Norway North East Arctic cod and Norway North East Arctic haddock
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Team leader: John Nichols Project manager: Guro Meldre Pedersen
Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	CR 27.9.3
Is this variation sought in order to undertake an expedited P1 assessment (CR annex CL)?	No

1. Proposed variation

The stakeholder consultations for the reassessment of the Norway NEA cod and haddock fisheries will take place in Bergen Monday 23 June 2014 (meetings with Institute for Marine Research and Directorate of Fisheries) and in Oslo Tuesday 24 June 2014 (meetings with Ministry for Trade, Industry and Fisheries and client representatives). Following stakeholder meetings, the team will stay in Oslo for scoring of the fisheries. The assessor for principle 3 will not participate in the meetings day 1.

2. Rationale/Justification

This request does not alter the conformity of the certificate holder with the relevant MSC standard. Required information gathering during the meetings day 1 will be ensured through prepared questions from the P3 assessor managed by the team representatives present. The team will report back to the P3 assessor on day 2 and ensure that he has been given a full briefing on all the information gathered. The P3 assessor will be present in stakeholder meetings with client and authorities, and in scoring meetings.

Change in team composition was announced 17 June 2014. The new P3 assessor is unable to join the team on day 1 of the site visit on short notice due to previous commitments, but will join the team for day 2 stakeholder consultations and scoring meetings scheduled for the remaining of the week.

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

The impacts on the reassessment of the Norway NEA cod and haddock fisheries will be minimised through preparation of questions from the P3 assessor for necessary information gathering through the team members present during the stakeholder meetings to take place day 1. The P3 assessor will join the team for stakeholder consultations day 2 and scoring meeting the commencing days. The P3 will have the opportunity to contact entities consulted day 1 in the event of any outstanding issues.

DNV GL would also like to point out the following factors that suggest that risk to this variation are low:

- The fisheries undergoing reassessment have not had any conditions related to principle 3 in the previous assessments
- The assessment team has endeavoured to schedule the P3 relevant stakeholder meetings to day 2, so that the P3 expert does not miss out on the essential meetings.

- The P3 assessor will participate in meetings with the authorities and client to gather relevant information.
- The full team will be gathered for scoring meetings.

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

No, stakeholders will be informed if VR is granted.

5. Further Comments

6. Confidential Information