

## Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request Form V1.3

Date submitted to MSC	17.06.2015
Conformity Assessment Body	DNV GL
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	<b>Norway Skagerrak, Kattegat and the Norwegian Deep cold-water prawn fishery</b>
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Mrs Sigrun Bekkevold
Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	CR 27.4.2
Is this variation sought in order to undertake an expedited P1 assessment (CR annex CL)?	No

<b>1. Proposed variation</b>
<p>The proposed variation is to reduce the UoC in order to exclude Kattegat (ICES Area IIIa East). At the moment the announced UoC includes the whole ICES Area IIIa, which includes both the Skagerrak and the Kattegat area.</p> <p>The announced Unit of Certification (Geographical range of fishing operations) includes:</p> <p>Skagerrak, Kattegat and the Norwegian Deep (ICES Divisions IIIa and IVa East) in Norwegian and EU waters.</p> <p><b>It is requested to change this to:</b></p> <p><b>Skagerrak and the Norwegian Deep (ICES Divisions IIIa West and IVa East in Norwegian and EU waters).</b></p> <p>The name of the fishery will be changed therefore to <b>Norway Skagerrak and the Norwegian Deep cold water prawn fishery</b>,</p>

<b>2. Rationale/Justification</b>
<p>No part of the client's fishery takes place in the Kattegat area.</p> <p>The client and all the stakeholders that were consulted during the site-visit in week 22 agreed that the fishery is limited to Skagerrak and the Norwegian Deep, and that the vessels included in the</p>

fishery under assessment do not fish in the Kattegat area.

The Directorate of Fisheries has confirmed that none of the vessels in the UoC have fished in the Kattegat in recent years.

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

This variation will have no impact on the assessment. All stakeholders have provided information on the understanding that the fishery does not extend into the Kattegat.

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

Yes, this has been discussed in stakeholder meetings during the site-visit.

### **5. Further Comments**

*Please include any further relevant information.*

### **6. Confidential Information**

*Please include any information that cannot be published here.*

*This may include information covered by provisions of CR 24.4.*

*[Please note, this section is OPTIONAL and is designed to include supplementary information to the rationale provided above. As this information will not be published, the rationale for the variation that is published should make sense without the inclusion of this section. For example, if the rationale section included a statement that the variation to continue all the steps of the assessment is needed because the client has instructed the CAB not to proceed, this section could add that the reason for this is that the client has insufficient funds to continue with the assessment due to unforeseen costs. It would therefore be impossible for the CAB to complete the assessment.]*