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Sent by email

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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement v2.2 FCP-7.5.5 for NAFO 3M Flemish Cap cold water prawn

Dear Jodi Bostrom,

I write with reference to your submission on 30/04/2021 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow:

To change the UoA and UoC during the assessment by adding two more vessels to the client group being assessed.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to v2.2 FCP-7.5.5 state:

The CAB shall not change the UoA and UoC during the assessment unless the UoA is announced provisionally in the initial announcement and confirmed later in conformity with 7.17.3

These are integral to ensuring all MSC accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies operate in a consistent and transparent manner. The MSC intends that these requirements be met across all fisheries and CoC certificate holders, except in exceptional, well-justified circumstances, as part of the MSC programme.

MSC notes the factors presented supporting your request, including:

The requested changes are considered low risk and should be feasible within the current 60-day consultation window for the current ACDR, and therefore shouldn't delay the planned site visit.

Given the rationale provided, the MSC is willing to grant a variation to the CR in this case subject to the following conditions:

1. Publish an addendum to the ACDR, which includes a gap analysis as per FCP (v.2.2) 7.27.4. The addendum must also include any changes to indicative scoring.
2. Publish the addendum on the MSC 'Track a Fishery' webpage no later than 28 May 2021, to allow for a minimum of 30 days for stakeholder input.
3. Publish an accompanying stakeholder announcement, highlighting:
 - a) The addition of the 2 new vessels/clients;
 - b) That subsequent changes to the ACDR have been published via an ACDR addendum.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery.

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