

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 their scheme requirements.

Please complete all unshaded fields. Where instructions are included in italics, please delete and replace with the described information.

Once complete, save and attach to an email to the MSC Fishery Assessment Manager assigned to the fishery being assessed or send to coc@msc.org if the variation is regarding a CoC requirement.

On receipt, the MSC will consider your request and will usually respond within 10 days.

If your variation request is regarding a fishery requirement, please note that all variation requests and the MSC response to the request will be published on the MSC website with announcements for the fishery.

Certification Body	Intertek Moody Marine Ltd. (IMM)
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Paul Knapman
Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	<i>MSC Certification Requirements, version 1.0, August 15th, 2011, and related scheme requirements</i>

Proposed variation	
<p>IMM request a variation to allow for ongoing assessment of the following fisheries to continue against the requirements of the Fishery Assessment Methodology (FAM) (v. 1) until the time of re-assessment, rather than implementing changes in the MSC Certification Requirements (CR) (v.1, August 15, 2011). At the time of re-assessment, the fishery will be assessed using the most recent version of the MSC Certification Requirements, and/or required documentation in place at that time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canadian offshore striped and northern shrimp fisheries• Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska pollock fisheries• Ocean Choice International yellowtail flounder fishery• Canadian Pacific Sablefish Fisheries• Tosakatsuo Suisan pole and line skipjack tuna fishery• Aker Biomarine Antarctic Krill fishery• Vilsund Danish blue shell mussel fishery Limfjord• Portuguese sardine purse seine fishery• SPPO North Sea herring trawl fisheries• NW Atlantic Canada Swordfish Harpoon fishery and NW Atlantic Canada swordfish Longline fishery• New Zealand South scallop fishery• New Zealand hake fishery• New Zealand ling fishery• New Zealand southern blue whiting fishery	
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- New Zealand albacore troll fishery
- Maine lobster fishery
- Russian Bering Sea and Sea of Okhotsk pollock fisheries
- PFA NEA mackerel pelagic trawl
- Southern North Sea Nephrops fishery
- SPPO western Baltic sprat fisheries
- Western Baltic spring spawning herring

Rationale/Justification

Given that the version 2.1 of the FAM was used to format the basis of the CR and CG released in August of 2011, and the substantive changes between Version 1.0 and Version 2.1 of the FAM, varying from the assessment tree used to certify the fishery would require additional resources to not only identify the changes between the assessment trees, but would also act as a 'moving' target for the fishery clients.

IMM will continue to assess the fishery against FAM v.1 which it was first certified against until the time of reassessment. At the time of reassessment, the fishery will be assessed against the most recent assessment guidelines in place at that time.

Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

There are no significant implications to the fishery assessment if the variation request is granted, as it will allow the assessment to continue to be assessed under FAM v.1 which is was subject to during the initial certification.

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

No

Further Comments