

Lloyd's Register

**DFPO Denmark North Sea and Skaggeak Cod
& Saithe**

MSC Variation Request

1 Marine Stewardship Council variation request

Table 1 – Variation request

1	Date submitted to MSC
	- Please note the MSC will usually respond within 14 days, but for complex variations, longer may be necessary. The MSC will keep you informed if it will take longer than 14 days.
	20 th September 2019
2	CAB
	Acoura Marine (t/a Lloyd's Register)
3	Fishery name and certificate number or CoC certificate number
	DFPO Denmark North Sea and Skaggerak Cod & Saithe
4	Lead auditor or program manager
	Polly Burns
5	Request prepared by
	Polly Burns
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	7.29.8 The CAB shall upload the expedited audit report to the MSC database for publication on the MSC website, within 60 days of announcing the expedited audit. (Saithe component only)
7	How many times has a variation for this requirement been accepted for the same assessment of the same fishery?
	- e.g. Fill in 2 nd if a previous extension request on the 60 days requirement for surveillance reports has been accepted, and this request is for an additional time extension on top of that.
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Table 1 – Variation justification

1	Proposed variation	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please describe how the CAB proposes to vary from the requirement including, where required, any original deadline date, the length of additional time requested and the exact modified deadline date. 	
	The Saithe UoAs will be reported in an addendum to the expedited audit report a maximum of 30 days from the 24 th September 2019 = 24 th October 2019.	
2	Additional time requested	
	Original deadline date	24 th September 2019
	Modified deadline date requested	24 th October 2019
	Length of additional time requested	30 days
3	Justification	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please explain in detail why the variation is requested and why the change is necessary. This helps the MSC decide whether the variation request should be granted. 	
	<p>An expedited audit was triggered by a revised stock assessment from ICES on NS cod. This has implications for cod as a P1 species, but also as a P2 species caught in other fisheries. The MSC cod certificates will all be suspended on the 24th September 2019 as part of a harmonised outcome, so the report presenting this status must be published on this date. As this fishery includes saithe as a certified species, we also needed to analyse catch data where cod is caught as a retained species in the saithe fishery. LR requested the catch data from the client at the beginning of the process, but there was a delay due to holidays and a misunderstanding of the data request to the national body. Therefore LR only received the data on the 18th September. After preliminary analysis there is going to be a condition raised on the saithe certificate for cod as a retained species. This will require the client to prepare a client action plan which is not going to be achievable in the time remaining. We do not want to hold off publishing the cod elements of the report nor do we want to publish an incomplete saithe element. LR therefore proposing to publish the report containing the full information on cod as a P1, then when the report is complete for saithe, we will publish a revised version.</p>	
4	If a fishery assessment, implications for assessment	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please include any impacts on the assessment/certificate if the request is accepted referencing any other requirements which may be affected, and the risks these implications could have. - e.g. Timeline delays, stakeholder input 	
	No implications for the assessment. May be unclear to stakeholders.	
5	If a fishery assessment, mitigation of the implication for assessment	
	Please include information how risks of the implications for the assessment that have been identified under the previous question are proposed to be mitigated by the CAB.	
	We will make it clear in the report that this is to be the case so stakeholders are informed of the process and rationale.	
6	If a fishery assessment, how many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?	

	N/A
7	What is the status of the current assessment?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please include the latest version and timing of the report that has been prepared, and an indication when the next report is expected (e.g. the Client and Peer Review Draft Report has been sent to the client and the peer reviewers on 7 June 2018. The Public Comment Draft Report is expected to be ready on 1 September 2018).
	Cod will be suspended as of 24th September – saithe is currently certified.
8	Further comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please include any further relevant information.
9	If applicable, additional information added after MSC's request

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1.3	14 January 2013	Updated in line with requirements in MSC Certification Requirements v1.3, including P2 to P1 'expedited audit'
2.0	08 October 2014	Updates in line with release of Fisheries Certification Requirements v2.0
2.1	04 October 2016	Updated contact information
3.0	17 December 2018	Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.1

A controlled document list of MSC program documents is available on the [MSC website](http://msc.org) (msc.org)

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