

## Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request Form V1.2

<b>Date submitted to MSC</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2012
<b>Conformity Assessment Body</b>	MacAlister Elliott and Partners Ltd. (MEP)
<b>Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number</b>	UK Fisheries Ltd./DFFU/Doggerbank saithe fishery (MEP-F-003 and MEP-F-004)
<b>Lead Auditor/Programme Manager</b>	Jo Gascoigne
<b>Scheme requirement(s) to vary from</b>	<i>27.22.3.1 CABs shall complete the activities corresponding to the designated surveillance level within 12, 24, 36 and 48 months respectively of the date of certificate award.</i>

<b>Proposed variation</b>
MEP proposes to conduct the Year 2 surveillance audit for this fishery on the 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2013. All surveillance activities including reporting will therefore be completed by the 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2013, 11 weeks past the certificate anniversary date.

<b>Rationale/Justification</b>
The fishery's second anniversary date is the 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2013. In accordance with the CR all surveillance activities should be completed by that date. However, to limit auditing costs, it is proposed that the audit for this fishery is held simultaneously with the audit for the UK Fisheries Ltd./DFFU/Doggerbank cod, haddock and saithe fishery (MEP-F-011 and MEP-F-012) of which the certificate anniversary date is the 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2013. The proposed date of the 20 <sup>th</sup> February is therefore a compromise between both fisheries. MEP does not expect that this variation will affect the conformity of this fishery.

<b>Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>
None

<b>Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>	Not yet. The audit announcement with reference to this variation request will be sent to stakeholders at least 30 days prior to the audit date.
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<b>Further Comments</b>
n/a
<b>Confidential Information</b>
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