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Sent by email

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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement v2.0 FCR-7.4.10 for Canada northern and striped shrimp

Dear Billy Hynes,

I write with reference to your submission on 15/03/2016 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow:

To revise the description of the Units of Certification (UoC) that were specified in the Notification Report and so vary against CR v2.0 section 7.4.10.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to v2.0 FCR-7.4.10 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 in your letter supporting your request, including:

- Following the site visit it has been decided that in order to avoid compromising the certification of Shrimp Fishing Area (SFA) 5 by being associated with the SFA 6 which has recently declined due to environmental conditions, there is a proposal to separate UoC 4 (the previous SFA 5, 6 UoC) into two UoCs covering 5 and 6 individually.

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

- All stakeholders are informed of changes to the UoC; and,
- ECert is updated to reflect changes in UoC and fishery name (if applicable).

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact Shaun McLennan, the Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery either by shaun.mclennan@msc.org or phone +44 (0) 20 7246 8934.



Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Megan Atcheson'.

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