

## 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 the Certification Requirements.

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

Once complete, delete this first page of the document, save as a PDF file and send to either:

- The MSC Fishery Assessment Manager assigned to the certified fishery/fishery being assessed, or
- [coc@msc.org](mailto:coc@msc.org), if the variation is requested in relation to a CoC requirement.

On receipt, the MSC will consider your request and will usually respond within 14 days.

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

This does not apply to the optional 'Confidential Information' section on page 3 of this document. If this is not required it can be left blank and deleted from the final completed Variation Request Form sent to the MSC. If used, the information will be used by MSC in considering the variation request but the page with this section will be deleted from the form before it is published.

## Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request Form V1.3

<b>Date submitted to MSC</b>	14 August 2013
<b>Conformity Assessment Body</b>	Intertek Moody Marine
<b>Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number</b>	Gulf of St. Lawrence Shrimp Trawl Fisheries (SFA 9, 10, 12)
<b>Lead Auditor/Programme Manager</b>	Steve Devitt
<b>Scheme requirement(s) to vary from</b>	CR 7.5.9
<b>Is this variation sought in order to undertake an expedited P1 assessment (CR annex CL)?</b>	No

### 1. Proposed variation

*IMM is requesting an extension of the current certificate by four months so there is no lapse in certification as the re-assessment process is completed.*

### 2. Rationale/Justification

*Preparation of the client draft report took longer than expected as a result of team member availability and follow up information requests.*

### 3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

*The re-assessment team is completing the preliminary draft report for provision to the client for review and response to three conditions. The re-assessment determined that the fishery continues to operate consistently with the existing certification and the team is assured that the fishery will continue to do so in the period proposed for extension. IMM have no concerns that this extension will alter the conformity of the clients as holder of the certificate.*

*This combined assessment evaluates two current certification units. The current certificate for the Gulf of St. Lawrence Shrimp Trawl fishery, covering Shrimp Fishing Areas 9, 10, 12 is valid until 22 September 2013. The expected date of recertification is 31 January 2014 or sooner. The PDCR is expected to be published in December 2013, with a target eligibility date six months prior to coincide with the 2013 fishery currently underway. Assuming that the remainder of assessment proceeds without unforeseen complications, the target eligibility period and the remaining validity of the current certificate will overlap by three months.*

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

*No. To date, no external stakeholders have provided feedback into the re-assessment process.*

### 5. Further Comments

None.

**6. Confidential Information**

*Not applicable*

EXPEDITED PRINCIPLE 1 ASSESSMENT FOR MAIN RETAINED PRINCIPLE 2 STOCKS

**7. Main retained Principle 2 stock(s) for which an expedited Principle 1 assessment is sought**

*Please list the stocks for which an expedited P1 assessment is sought. These must be stocks assessed in the existing certified fishery as 'main retained species'*

**8. Evaluation of potential impact on Principle 2**

*Not applicable*

**9. Evaluation of potential impact on Principle 3**

*Not applicable*

**10. Based on the potential impacts identified in 8 and 9, please list any additions to the expedited assessment requirements given in Annex CL that will be necessary to ensure the fishery is accurately assessed against Principles 1, 2, and 3 with the proposed additional P1 stocks.**

*Not applicable*