

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

Date submitted to MSC	23 rd November 2016
Name of CAB	Acoura Marine
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	North Sea brown shrimp (NSBS)
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Julian Addison/Billy Hynes
Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested	7.4.10 The CAB shall not change the UoA and UoC during the assessment unless: 7.4.10.1 The UoA is announced provisionally in the initial announcement and confirmed later in conformance with 7.10.2.
Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?	No

1. Proposed variation	
To change other eligible fishers from “none” to including other fishers not currently part of the client group because they are not currently members of the POs that make up the client group.	
2. Rationale/Justification	
<p>This modification is requested for the purposes of the clarity of the certification documents.</p> <p>The planned certification is for members of the three North Sea brown shrimp POs: Danish Fishermen’s Producer Organisation (DFPO), the German Brown Shrimp Steering Group (GBR) and the Coöperatieve Visserij Organisatie (CVO). There are a small number of vessels in Germany and the Netherlands which currently are not members of the POs, and therefore are not part of the Client Group.</p> <p>Access to the certification is controlled by the clients using a management plan including a code of conduct and a limited number of other fishers may potentially join these POs and, on acceptance of the terms of the management plan, would be eligible to join the certification. These fishers would be targeting the same species, using the same gear and operating under the same management plan so fall within the scope of the assessment.</p> <p>The requested change does not change access to the certificate in any way but ensures clarity, particularly in the assessment report where numbers could appear discrepant without this clarification.</p>	
3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	
None	
4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	No
5. Further Comments	
<i>Please include any further relevant information.</i>	