

MSC Variation Request

FISF NORTH EAST ARTIC COD HADDOCK AND SAITHE

Marine Stewardship Council fisheries assessments

04.01.2023

1. Marine Stewardship Council variation request

Table 1: Variation request

1	Date submitted to the MSC
04.01.2023	
2	CAB
DNV Business Assurance	
3	Fishery name and certificate number
FISF Faroe Islands North East Arctic cod, haddock and saithe MSC-F-31322	
4	Lead auditor or program manager
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5	Request prepared by
Lucia Revenga	
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
MSC FCP v2.2 7.5.5 The CAB shall not change the UoA and UoC during the assessment unless the UoA is announced provisionally in the initial announcement and confirmed later in conformity with 7.17.3.	
7	How many times has a variation against this requirement been accepted during this assessment or audit of this fishery?
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Table 2 – Variation justification

1	Proposed variation
To allow for the definitions of UoAs and UoCs to be changed after ACDR and before PCDR.	
2	Additional time requested (where applicable)
Original deadline date	N/A
Modified deadline date requested	N/A
Number of additional days requested	N/A
3	Justification
<p>ACDR report specifies 3 UoAs and 3 proposed UoCs, covering each one of the target stocks by both Faroese and Icelandic vessels.</p> <p>Following initial audit the team considers that it makes more sense to have 6 UoAs and UoCs, so that the UoAs/UoCs are also separated by management regime (following the outbreak of the Russia/Ukraine war differences have arisen in relation to the national agreements between these countries and Russia in relation to quota exchange). One of the proposed conditions only applies to Icelandic vessels and not to Faroese vessels.</p>	
4	Implications for assessment
<p>There is no material change in the proposed new definition of UoAs and UoCs.</p> <p>Previously the 3 UoAs/UoCs covered 3 fish species in two countries and the proposed 6 UoAs/UoCs segregate UoAs/UoCs per country, so that differences in management regime (which lead to a condition applying only to Icelandic vessels) can be highlighted .</p>	
5	Mitigation of the implications for assessment
The team considers that there are no significant implications for the assessment nor traceability risks associated.	
6	How many conditions does the fishery have?
<p>There are 2 conditions to the fishery.</p> <p>Condition 1 applies to all vessels and UoCs (PI 2.4.2)</p> <p>Condition 2 only applies to Icelandic vessels (PI 3.1.1) and therefore the need to segregate UoAs/UoCs by country / management regime.</p>	
7	What is the status of the current assessment or audit?
Reassessment is ongoing. Public Comment Draft Report is under preparation.	
8	Other relevant information
N/A	
9	If applicable, additional information added after the MSC's request

2. Template information and copyright

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Table 3: Template version control

Version	Date of publication	Description of amendment
1.0	25 March 2020	Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.2
1.1	26 October 2022	Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.2 and v3.0

A controlled document list of MSC program documents is available on the MSC website (<https://www.msc.org/for-business/certification-bodies/supporting-documents>).

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