

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

Date submitted to MSC	17 th April 2018
Name of CAB	Acoura Marine
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	Arkhangelsk Trawl fleet Norwegian & Barents Seas cod, haddock & saithe
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Variation prepared by:	Billy Hynes
Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested	FCR 7.23.18 This Surveillance Report shall be forwarded to the MSC within 60 days of completing the audit, for publication on the MSC website.
Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?	No

1. Proposed variation	
Surveillance report will be submitted by the 10 th of May 2018, 2 weeks after current deadline of 26 th April 2018.	
2. Rationale/Justification	
<p>This is a complex surveillance audit that deals with Norwegian and Russian management of the stock.</p> <p>The surveillance report is complete aside from queries around the TAC and HCR and the different approaches between ICES and JRNFC. The assessment team need to speak to ICES and the only opportunity is the 26th of April, the date of submission for this report. The outcome of that discussion may trigger harmonisation discussions with other Barents Sea Cod fisheries. Alternatively the report will be ready by the end of April 2018.</p> <p>The sustainability status of the fishery is not believed to be affected by this change, and the delay will allow nge is necessary is also useful in helping the MSC to decide whether the variation should be granted.</p>	
3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	
N/A	
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>	