

# Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

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| Date submitted to MSC  | June 7 <sup>th</sup> 2018   |
| Name of CAB  | DNV GL  |
| Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number  | Faroe Islands saithe  |
| Lead Auditor/Programme Manager   | Stefan Midteide   |
| Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested                        | MSC General Certification Requirements 7.5.6 – “The CAB shall issue fisheries certificates with a maximum validity period of 5 years from the issue date” |
| Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)? | No  |

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| <b>1. Proposed variation</b>  |  |
| DNV GL propose to extend the validity of the current certificate with 3 months. The anniversary date of the certificate is June 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2018. The proposed variation implies extending the current validity of the certificate until Sept 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2018.   |  |
| <b>2. Rationale/Justification</b>   |  |
| <p>The request is related to responding to the technical oversight report that we have received from MSC. We have planned the certification process to be completed by the time of the anniversary. However, during the recent week the situation of the process has changed because of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We received the last (second) TO comments close to the anniversary date. The comments were submitted to us June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, 14 days before the expiry of the certificate.</li> <li>- One of the comments are related to a “60 score requirement” which requires particularly careful consideration at this stage.</li> <li>- This requires a thorough discussion within the team of experts and preparation for this discussion. It also takes some time to prepare and to gather the team for the discussion.</li> </ul> <p>We would like to ensure that the matters raised in the second TO comments are discussed at a professional level without the risk of the client and the fishery suffering from the necessary delays in the completion of the re assessment process. Now it is uncertain what the outcome of the process will be and the full range of steps that are necessary to reach a conclusion is also uncertain. It is however not in our interest, nor the client interest, to delay the conclusion and the completion of the re certification process. We will therefore do our outmost to complete this process as soon as possible. We are asking for a 3 months extension of the validity of the certificate to allow for the necessary steps to be taken to complete the re assessment process successfully.</p> <p>In our view, the sustainability status of the fishery is not believed to be affected by this change.</p> |  |
| <b>3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>   |  |
| We do not see that this will have a material impact on the assessment related to other requirements.  |  |
| <b>4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request?</b>   | The client is informed. Other stakeholders will be informed if the variation request is granted. |
| <b>5. Further Comments</b>  |  |
| Due to the tight timeline and brief time until the expiry of the certificate, we will greatly appreciate a quick response to this request.  |  |