

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

<b>Date submitted to MSC</b>	4 March 2014
<b>Conformity Assessment Body</b>	MacAlister Elliott and Partners Ltd
<b>Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number</b>	Euronor and Compagnie des Peches St Malo cod and haddock (MEP-F-008/9)
<b>Lead Auditor/Programme Manager</b>	Jo Gascoigne/Chrissie Sieben
<b>Scheme requirement(s) to vary from</b>	27.22.2
<b>Is this variation sought in order to undertake an expedited P1 assessment (CR annex CL)?</b>	No

### 1. Proposed variation

MEP proposes to conduct the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual surveillance audit of the Euronor and Compagnie des Peches St Malo cod and haddock fishery by remote surveillance instead of normal surveillance with an on-site audit.

### 2. Rationale/Justification

This fishery was certified with one condition which was largely met during the year 1 audit. MEP proposes to reduce the surveillance level to remote surveillance, based on the argument that the fishery is low risk and that all information required for the surveillance audit can be provided remotely. A telephone or skype conference will still be held between the client group representatives and the team leader, Dr. Jo Gascoigne. The information collected will be considered and reported on by the entire surveillance team. MEP is confident that this will not alter the sustainability status of this fishery.

### 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)

Not yet - once this variation request has been approved, stakeholders will be notified prior to the audit and will be given the opportunity to meet in person with the assessment team.

### 5. Further Comments

none