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MSC Variation Request Sept 19

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Wash Brown Shrimp

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1 Marine Stewardship Council variation request

Table 1 – Variation request

1	Date submitted to MSC
	11.10.19
2	CAB
	Lloyd's Register
3	Fishery name and certificate number or CoC certificate number
	Wash Brown Shrimp
4	Lead auditor or program manager
	Polly Burns – Program Manager
5	Request prepared by
	Polly Burns/Kate Morris – Program Manager
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	FCP v2.1 7.22.1 If the period from the full assessment announcement to the publication of the Final Draft Report by the MSC is more than 18 months, the CAB shall withdraw the fishery from the MSC assessment process.
7	How many times has a variation for this requirement been accepted for the same assessment of the same fishery?
	None

Table 2 – Variation justification

1	Proposed variation	
	LR are requesting to extend the 18 th Month deadline be extended from the 27 th October 2019 to the 27 th November 2019, so that the fishery can remain in assessment.	
2	Additional time requested	
	Original deadline date	27 th October 2019
	Modified deadline date requested	27 th November 2019
	Length of additional time requested	1 month
3	Justification	
	<p>This fishery entered into assessment on the 27th April 2018, which means the 18th Month deadline for publication of the final report is the 27th October 2019.</p> <p>The fishery under assessment experienced a significant delay in the process due to the amount time taken by the client to provide an acceptable Client Action Plan. This subsequently delayed the publication of the Public Comment Draft report. The client faced challenges to produce a CAP in a reasonable timeframe because it required working with local authorities to devise and agree on the CAP. Although significant efforts were made to make up time, the PCDR consultation didn't close until the 6th October. The report received significant comments from engaged stakeholders which will take time to address. LR had hoped to be able to respond to the comments in time to meet the deadline for the 18 months. However, the audit team cannot respond to these comments in an adequate manner within the time that currently remains (now just 11 working days to respond to all the comments) complete the FR and to allow head-office LR to review and sign off on the determination. The proposed extension allows for the FR report to be completed to a high standard and ensures all stakeholder and TO comments are adequately responded to. If the extension is approved it is achievable for LR to have the final report and determination ready to be published on or before the extension date – 27th November 2019.</p>	
4	If a fishery assessment, implications for assessment	
	This extension will see the fishery remain in assessment, and will delay publication of the final report and the final 15 working day consultation. Ultimately, this pushes back the certification date (if end result).	
5	If a fishery assessment, mitigation of the implication for assessment	
	Stakeholders will be notified of the outcome if accepted and revised timeline will be published should this be accepted.	
6	If a fishery assessment, how many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?	
	At the PCDR stage the fishery has 8 conditions. This request does not impact on any of the conditions.	
7	What is the status of the current assessment?	
	The Public Comment Draft Report consultation period ended on the 6 th October. The team are currently working through and responding to comments from both MSC Technical Oversights and Stakeholders. It is	

	achievable to have the Final Report and Determination ready for publication on or before the proposed date 27 th November 2019.
8	Further comments
	None
9	If applicable, additional information added after MSC's request
	None

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2.0	08 October 2014	Updates in line with release of Fisheries Certification Requirements v2.0
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3.0	17 December 2018	Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.1

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