

Global Trust Certification

Gaspésie lobster trap spring fishery

MSC Variation Request

1 Introduction

This form details the information Global Trust is required to submit to the MSC to enable the MSC to consider an application to vary from a clause or requirement in any of the MSC program documents.

Once a Variation Request has been submitted the MSC will consider that request and will usually respond within 14 days.

2 Marine Stewardship Council variation request

Table 1. Variation request.

1	Date submitted to MSC
	01 June 2022
2	CAB
	Global Trust Certification Limited
3	Fishery name and certificate number or CoC certificate number
	Gaspésie lobster trap spring fishery / MSC-F-31180
4	Lead auditor or program manager
	Geraldine Criquet
5	Request prepared by
	Geraldine Criquet
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	FCP v2.2 §7.28.23 "The CAB shall upload the Surveillance report to the MSC database within 60 days of completing the audit for publication on the MSC website."
7	How many times has a variation for this requirement been accepted for the same assessment of the same fishery?
	None. A variation for this requirement has not been previously accepted for this audit of the fishery.

Table 2. Variation justification.

1	Proposed variation	
	Global Trust Certification proposes to delay the uploading of the surveillance report by 14 days.	
2	Additional time requested	
	Original deadline date	03 June 2022
	Modified deadline date requested	17 June 2022
	Length of additional time requested	14 days
3	Justification	
	The 1 st surveillance audit after reassessment was announced on 03 March 2022 and was conducted remotely on the 04 and 05 April. Therefore, the surveillance report should be uploaded on 03 June for publication on the	

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	<p>MSC website. However, Global Trust Certification wishes to delay the uploading of the surveillance report due to on-going harmonisation activities.</p> <p>During the reassessment of the Gaspésie lobster trap spring fishery completed in February 2021, a condition was raised on PI 2.3.1 ETP outcome regarding the combined effects of the MSC UoAs on the North Atlantic Right whale (NARW). The same condition applies across the Canada Atlantic crustacean fixed gear UoAs. Harmonisation activities between teams involved in surveillance audits of Canada Atlantic crustacean fixed gear fisheries started in March to discuss the progress of the fisheries on this condition. New information related to the cryptic mortality of NARW and assessment of risk of fixed gears fisheries in the Canada Atlantic was provided during the Scotian Shelf snow crab 4th surveillance audit held on 25 to 27 May. This information was shared amongst the teams for review.</p> <p>Delaying the uploading of the surveillance report will give additional time to the surveillance team to review this information and for completing harmonisation activities to ensure that the key assessment products and outcomes remain harmonised as required by PB1.3.5.1.</p>
4	Implications for assessment Global Trust Certification has not identified any negative implications in delaying the publication of the surveillance report. No other requirements may be affected. The client has been informed of the on-going harmonisation process regarding the evaluation of the progress on the condition on PI 2.3.1 and the submission of this VR to be able to delay the publication of the report.
5	Mitigation of the implication for assessment Given that negative implications have not been identified, mitigations are not necessary.
6	How many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)? The fishery has one condition on 2.3.1 ETP outcome. Progress will not be affected positively or negatively.
7	What is the status of the current assessment or audit? The off-site surveillance audit was held on 04 and 05 April. Harmonisation discussions are on-going regarding the evaluation of progress of the Canada Atlantic crustacean fixed gear fisheries on condition related to the combined effects of the MSC UoAs on the North Atlantic Right whale.
8	Further comments No further comments.
9	If applicable, additional information added after MSC's request

3 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

A controlled document list of MSC program documents is available on the [MSC website](http://msc.org) (msc.org).

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