

Stewardship Council - Variation Request Form V1.3

Date submitted to MSC	6 th January 2014 (Revised 5 th March 2014)
Conformity Assessment Body	Intertek Fisheries certification
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	BC Chum Salmon Fisheries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fraser River • West Coast Vancouver Island • Inner South Coast
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Steve Devitt / Paul Knapman
Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	CR 27.22.3.1 & 27.22.13
Is this variation sought in order to undertake an expedited P1 assessment (CR annex CL)?	No

1. Proposed variation

The first annual surveillance site visit to be delayed. The anniversary of the fishery certification is 8th January 2014. The audit site visit will be undertaken in mid to late May 2014 – dates to be confirmed. (This relates to CR 27.22.3.1)

Extension of period within which to submit annual audit report. We request a 60 day period following completion of the information gathering phase of the audit, within which we are required to submit the audit report to MSC. (This relates to CR 27.22.13)

2. Rationale/Justification

The reason for the delay of the first annual audit is due to the limited availability of audit team members and key staff in the management organisation.

The reason for the delay in submitting the audit report relates to our experience of needing to review considerable amounts of detailed information from the client fishery and stakeholders in other BC salmon annual audits. We estimate the audit report will be submitted to the MSC by 1st August 2014.

It should be noted, there will be no directed chum fisheries on the certified UoCs before the beginning of September 2014, therefore, the surveillance reports will be completed before the fishery commences.

We are not aware of any reason why the above variations would compromise the MSC standard for sustainability of the fisheries.

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. They will be when it is posted on the MSC website
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5. Further Comments