

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request Form V1.2

Date submitted to MSC	24/10/12
Conformity Assessment Body	Food Certification International Ltd.
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	Astrid Fiske North Sea Herring fishery (F-FCI-0001)
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Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	CR 27.4.2

Proposed variation
To alter the Client Group name on the Unit of Certification for the Astrid Fiske North Sea Herring reassessment to reflect the formation of a new Producer Organisation, Swedish Pelagic Federation Producers Organisation (SPFPO), as client group for this assessment.

Rationale/Justification
<p>This change is at the request of the two fisheries affected, who wish to bring all Swedish registered vessels seeking MSC certification fishing for the North Sea herring stock under a single certificate in the name of the newly formed Swedish Pelagic Federation Producers Organisation (SPFPO). This will bring cost and administrative benefits to the constituent fisheries and enable a far clearer, more streamlined and transparent approach for all interested stakeholders and Chain of Custody clients.</p> <p>The constituent members of the newly formed Swedish Pelagic Federation Producers Organisation (SPFPO) are the existing client - Astrid Fiske - and the Swedish Pelagic Producers Organisation (SPPO).</p>

Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)
The fishery's name will change from the 'Astrid Fiske North Sea Herring fishery' to the 'SPFPO Swedish North Sea herring fishery'. All fishers are already included under the unit of certification, so this represents an administrative change only, which will result in a simpler process for the constituent fishers going forwards (by removing the need for a documented certificate sharing arrangement between the principle client group members).

Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	Stakeholders will be notified of the change to the Unit of Certification and separately to the change of fishery name
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Further Comments

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