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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement v2.0 SC6.1.3 for Alaska salmon

Dear Amanda Stern-Pirlot,

I write with reference to your submission on 05/04/2019 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow:

Fish or fish products considered as coming from IPI stocks to enter further chains of custody In accordance with FCR v2.0 SC6

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to v2.0 SC6.1.3 state:

If IPI stocks are identified and are below the level of 5% specified in SC6.1.1.1.a and SC6.1.1.2.a, the CAB shall, as early as practicable in the assessment process, submit a variation request to the MSC to allow fish or fish products to be considered as coming from IPI stocks to enter further into chains of custody. ☐

These are integral to ensuring all MSC accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies operate in a consistent and transparent manner. The MSC intends that these requirements be met across all fisheries and CoC certificate holders, except in exceptional, well-justified circumstances, as part of the MSC programme.

MSC notes the factors presented supporting your request, including:

- Each UoA has been assessed in line with IPI requirements under SC 6 and associated sub-clauses.
- Rationales for each UoA have been provided to support the CAB's conclusion that these requirements, where applicable, have been met.

Given the rationale provided, the MSC is willing to grant a variation to the CR.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery.

Marine Stewardship Council
cc: Accreditation Services International