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MSC Variation Request 20190410

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Table 1 – Variation request

1	Date submitted to MSC
	13 th June 2019
2	CAB
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3	Fishery name and certificate number or CoC certificate number
	Aker Biomarine Antarctic krill F-ACO-0100
4	Lead auditor or program manager
	Geir Honneland / Louise Allan
5	Request prepared by
	Louise Allan / Geir Honneland
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	7.6.1 The CAB shall form an assessment team (hereafter "team") for a fishery assessment, comprising a team leader and a minimum of 1 additional team member, that meets the qualifications and competency requirements specified in Table PC1, Table PC2 and Table PC3 and in line with the requirements in the General Certification Requirements (GCR).
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
	To include on the assessment team a P1 assessor who does not fully meet the competency criteria detailed in Table PC3. The proposed assessor does not meet the criteria for 1.a or 1.b in Table PC3.
2	Additional time requested
	Original deadline date NA
	Modified deadline date requested NA
	Length of additional time requested NA
3	Justification
	<p>The stock assessment for Antarctic krill holds little in common with other taxon or species stock assessments. The last stock survey was conducted in 2000, and a new stock assessment has just started therefore the pool of those with specific experience is relatively small.</p> <p>Any scientists who have worked on stock assessments are not MSC qualified or have a conflict of interest with the client for this fishery (the client has sponsored the Norwegian Institute of Marine Research (IMR)). The proposed P1 assessor is Julian Addison. Julian has no qualifications relating to the stock assessment type used in this fishery (as is required in Table PC3, Section 1), however meets all other required relevant competencies. Julian meets the Table PC3 1.a and 1.b qualifications (a. 3 years or more experience of applying relevant stock assessment techniques being used by the fishery under assessment; b. Primary authorship of two peer-reviewed stock assessments of a type used by the fishery under assessment) for species other than krill.</p> <p>Julian is an experienced MSC P1 assessor, having undertaken multiple other P1 MSC assessments for other crustacean species. He has recently been a P1 assessor for the following full assessments: North Sea brown shrimp (certified 2017), Wash Shrimp (currently under assessment), Gulf of St Lawrence shrimp (currently under re-assessment), Canada Scotian Shelf Northern prawn trawl (currently under re-assessment). He has been a P1 assessor recently on the following surveillance audits: Canada northern and striped shrimp (February 2019), Eastern Canada offshore scallop (November 2018), DFA Dutch North Sea ensis (January 2019).</p> <p>Antarctic krill are an LTL species and Julian has conducted MSC assessment work on other LTL species, for example shrimp, so is able to bring that knowledge to the assessment. Julian has MSC experience with krill, having previously conducted a pre-assessment. We are confident in the Julian's ability to understand the stock assessment used and carry out the Principle 1 component of the assessment to a high standard. In addition, the other two assessment team members have been involved in the fishery's previous assessments and have experience and knowledge of the fishery and region, as well as being familiar with the stock assessment methods used.</p>
4	If a fishery assessment, implications for assessment
	None – the team are highly experienced and we believe able to conduct the assessment to a high standard.
5	If a fishery assessment, mitigation of the implication for assessment
	None. The report will go through the same level of peer and stakeholder review, as well as ASI's oversight.
6	If a fishery assessment, how many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?

	No conditions
7	What is the status of the current assessment?
	Assessment is yet to begin