

MSC Variation Request

Yalu Estuary Manila Clam Fishery

Marine Stewardship Council variation request

Table 1 – Variation request

1	Date submitted to the MSC
	March 12 2021
2	CAB
	SCS Global Services
3	Fishery name and certificate number
	Yalu Estuary Manila Clam Fishery, initial assessment
4	Lead auditor or program manager
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5	Request prepared by
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6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	FCP v2.1 7.20.1
7	How many times has a variation for this requirement been accepted for the same assessment of the same fishery?
	Never.

Table X – Variation justification

1	Proposed variation	
	We request for a variation against FCP v2.1 7.20.1. Specifically, we wish to launch the 30-day stakeholder consultation period prior to the 9-month (+6-month extension for COVID derogation) limit. This clause would be officially triggered April 6 2021. We wish to begin the 30-day consultation period as soon as possible, since the report is finalized but cannot proceed to the Peer Review and Client Draft stage until the stakeholder period has closed.	
2	Additional time requested	
	Original deadline date	April 6 2021
	Modified deadline date requested	As soon as approved
	Length of additional time requested	Request is for less time
3	Justification	
	We request this variation to not prevent unnecessary delay in the assessment/timeline delay for the client. The stakeholder period will still occur for the 30-day period, but just beginning a few weeks earlier.	
4	Implications for assessment	
	This would prevent an unnecessary timeline delay for the client. No impact on stakeholder participation or other aspects of the assessment.	
5	Mitigation of the implications for assessment	
	No risks to the assessment. 30-day stakeholder period will still be held.	
6	How many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?	
	N/A	
7	What is the status of the current assessment or audit?	
	Initial assessment, site visit held remotely April 2020. The Client & Peer Review Report is currently ready and expected for release upon commencing the 30-day stakeholder period.	
8	Further comments	
	None at this time.	
9	If applicable, additional information added after the MSC's request	

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