



Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

Date submitted to MSC	14 th June 2016
Name of CAB	Acoura Marine
Fishery Name	New Zealand Hoki
Programme Manager	Polly Burns
Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested	7.5.6 The CAB shall issue fisheries certificates with a maximum validity period of 5 years from the issue date.
Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?	No

1. Proposed variation	
To extend the certificate by 9 months to 1 st June 2018 or re-certification date (whichever comes first)	
2. Rationale/Justification	
<p>The New Zealand Hoki fishery was certified on the 25th September 2012, and has had three surveillance audits to date. It's current expiry date is the 24th September 2017. Along with three other fisheries within the client group, this fishery is due to enter reassessment in May 2017, with a site visit in June. Two of the four fisheries have certificates that are valid until 15th September 2019 (Hake and Ling), with the 4th being valid until 31st April 2017.</p> <p>The goal of the extension is to mitigate the shortened certificate life of Hake and Ling caused by this certificate consolidation. The benefit all four fisheries entering reassessment together is to reduce the cost to the client, improve the efficiency of the process and reduce duplicating stakeholder engagement.</p>	
3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	
There is not expected to be any implications for the fishery – the last surveillance audit (held in November 2015) confirmed that the fishery remains compliant with the MSC certification standard, with no open conditions and one recommendation on target. The fishery will have a site visit in November 2016 for the surveillance, and a further one for the reassessment in June 2017. Both of these audits will check that the fishery still meets the requirements.	
4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	No – stakeholders will be notified when this request is published.
5. Further Comments	
None, thank you.	