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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement v2.0 FCR-7.23.18 for Newfoundland & Labrador snow crab

Dear Julie McDonald,

I write with reference to your submission on 20/10/2017 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow:

SAI Global propose to provide MSC with the surveillance report by January 8th 2018 which is 48 days post the original submission deadline date.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to v2.0 FCR-7.23.18 state:

This Surveillance Report shall be forwarded to the MSC within 60 days of completing the audit, for publication on the MSC website

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:

- There was an unforeseen illness that has put the reporting activities on hold and will delay both the surveillance and re-assessment processes.

Given the rationale provided, the MSC is willing to grant a variation to the CR in this case subject to the following conditions:

- The CAB can confirm that it is not aware at this time of any factor (related to either fishery status, or performance against conditions) that could result in the fishery no longer being in compliance with the MSC Fisheries Standard.
- Stakeholders are informed.

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

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cc: Accreditation Services International