

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

Date submitted to MSC	7 th June 2017
Name of CAB	Acoura Marine
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	DFPO Denmark North Sea plaice DFPO Denmark North Sea & Skagerrak cod & saithe DFPO Denmark North Sea sole DFPO Denmark North Sea & Skagerrak haddock
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Billy Hynes
Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested	GCR 7.5.6
Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?	No

1. Proposed variation	
To extend the certificates for the following fisheries: DFPO Denmark North Sea plaice (expires 30 th September 2017), DFPO Denmark North Sea & Skagerrak cod & saithe (expires 30 th September 2017), DFPO Denmark North Sea sole (expires 6 th June 2017), DFPO Denmark North Sea & Skagerrak haddock (expires 6 th August 2017). The proposed variation is to extend these certificates to 1 st March 2019.	
2. Rationale/Justification	
<p>The DFPO fisheries listed above are being assessed under the Joint demersal fisheries in the North Sea and adjacent waters assessment. This assessment is being undertaken by another CAB (MEC) and is scheduled to conclude in early 2019. The DFPO fisheries will be covered by this certificate provided the successful passing of this assessment. The proposed variation and proposed extension will allow for continued certification of these fisheries.</p> <p>In order to ensure continued compliance with the Standard we will conduct surveillance audits for these fisheries in January 2018. These will demonstrate that the fisheries are still meeting the Standard. It is worth noting that all four fisheries currently have no open conditions which need monitored.</p>	
3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	
Acoura can confirm that we have no reasons to doubt the ability of the fisheries to meet the Standard and the planned surveillance audits will demonstrate this.	
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 on the MSC website.