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**Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement v2.2 FCP-7.28.23.1 for Canada northern and striped shrimp**

Dear Paul Knapman,

I write with reference to your submission on 13/08/2021 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow:

For an additional 14 days on top of the 90 days for the fishery surveillance audit report to be uploaded.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to v2.2 FCP-7.28.23.1 state:

If the client has revised the Client Action Plan following surveillance, the CAB shall upload the Surveillance Report to the MSC database within 90 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:**

- It is only a 14 day extension.
- Revisions to an associated VR request (at the request of the MSC) to extend deadlines on conditions, has taken the surveillance report deadline close to the 60 day period to submit the report post-site visit. The 14 additional days would accommodate for report delivery and the client to develop and provide an updated CAP.

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

- The surveillance audit report shall be submitted no later than 29th Sept 2021.
- When requested by the MSC, 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.

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

Marine Stewardship Council  
cc: Assurance Services International