

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request Form V1.3

Date submitted to MSC	14.07.2014
Conformity Assessment Body	DNV GL Business Assurance
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	Faroe Islands North East Arctic Haddock/F-DNV-121164 Faroe Islands North East Arctic Cod/ F-DNV-121163
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Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	27.4.3 The CAB shall note that once defined, the unit of certification cannot be changed during the assessment unless: 27.4.3.1 The CAB submits a variation request to this requirement to MSC by following the procedure set out in Part A clause 4.12, and 27.4.3.2 The MSC accepts the variation request. 112
Is this variation sought in order to undertake an expedited P1 assessment (CR annex CL)?	No

1. Proposed variation

The assessment team seeks a variation to extend the UoC to cover vessels of Samherji group operating under Icelandic quota and being commercial partners to the client. The new UoC will be defined as:

Fishery	Faroe Islands North East Arctic Cod Fishery
Species	Cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i>)
Geographical area	ICES subareas I & II: within REZ, NEZ and International waters
Method of capture	Demersal rock-hopper trawl
Stock	North-East Arctic Cod
Management	JNRFC, Fisheries management of Faroe Islands and Iceland.
Client group	P/F JFK Trol (<i>Gadus</i> ,Akraberg, Sjørðarberg).
	Extension: Icelandic vessels in Samherji group(per today: Kaldbakur EA1, Snaefell EA 310)
Other eligible fishers:	Faroe Islands quota: Enniberg P/F Icelandic quota: There are currently no other vessels apart from Kaldbakur EA1 and Snaefell EA 310 wich are licenced to catch cod and haddock in the Barents Sea under icelandic quota. If at a later date more vessels are added to the <u>Samherji group</u> they will automatically (subject to full compliance with MSC requirements) be eligible to share the MSC certificate. List of eligible vessels will be kept updated on www.msc.org and also listed in annual surveillance reports.
Fishery	Faroe Islands North East Arctic Haddock Fishery
Species	Haddock (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>)
Geographical area	ICES subareas I & II: within REZ, NEZ and International waters
Method of capture	Demersal rock-hopper trawl

Stock	North-East Arctic Haddock
Management	JNRFC, Fisheries management of Faroe Islands and Iceland.
Client group	P/F JFK Trol (Gadus ,Akraberg, Sjørðarberg). Extension: Icelandic vessels in Samherji group (Kaldbakur EA1, Snaefell EA 310)
Other eligible fishers:	Faroe Islands quota: Enniberg P/F Icelandic quota: There are currently no other vessels apart from Kaldbakur EA1 and Snaefell EA 310 which are licenced to catch cod and haddock in the Barents Sea under Icelandic quota. If at a later date more vessels are added to the <u>Samherji group</u> they will automatically (subject to full compliance with MSC requirements) be eligible to share the MSC certificate. List of eligible vessels will be kept updated on www.msc.org and also listed in annual surveillance reports.

2. Rationale/Justification

The client fishery has a partner, Samherji group with two vessels fishing for cod and haddock in the Barents Sea, who would like to join their certificate. The partner fishery participated in the annual surveillance activities for Faroe Islands fishery in June 2014 and their operations were scrutinised by the assessment team. Assessment team has concluded that a nature of operations of the Samherji vessels are of the similar character and therefore sees an extension of UoC as the most time and cost efficient way for this fishery to join the MSC programme.

The assessments team seeks a variation to change the existing UoC and add Samherji vessels operating under Icelandic quota to the client's certificate. As the scope extension process is not yet defined in the current CR, assessment team suggests to re-evaluate both Principle 2 and 3 for this additional fishery in order to ensure that all impacts from these boats are taken into account.

The scoring of this additional component will be conducted according to CR v1.3. As Faroe Islands fishery was originally scored according to FAM, the discrepancy in assessment outcomes will be avoided by undertaking rescoring of original assessment for those performance indicators which has been changed or modified in transition from FAM to CR v1.3.

Once rescoring and harmonisation of scores are completed, the outcomes will be presented in the scope extension report and posted on MSC web-site for stakeholder scrutiny for 30 days.

3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

Extension of UoC with vessels belonging to Samherji group may have implication on the scores of the Faroe Islands fishery.

Therefore the extension will be done in 2 steps.

Step 1: Transfer of Faroe Islands fishery under CR v1.3. Any changes to the scores as a result of this transfer will be reported in the annual surveillance report.

Step 2: Scope Extension. Scoring of additional boats and harmonisation of outcomes with Faroese fishery. Results will be presented in the scope extension report.

4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

Stakeholders will be informed accordingly.

5. Further Comments

Not Applicable

6. Confidential Information

Please include any information that cannot be published here.

This may include information covered by provisions of CR 24.4.

Not Applicable