

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

Date submitted to MSC	10 th May 2017
Name of CAB	SAI Global
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	Scotian Shelf Snow Crab Trap Fishery /Fishery Certificate number: F-GT-005
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Ivan Mateo/Julie McDonald
Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested	(GCR V2.1) 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	
Request for 2 months extension of the certificate expiry (from July 9 th 2017 to September 10 th 2017).	
2. Rationale/Justification	
<p>The fishery was certified in July 10th 2012 and the certificate will expire on the 9th of July 2017. The re-assessment started 3 months after the anniversary date of certificate as it was decided to conduct the site visit simultaneously with the SGSL Snow Crab Trap Fishery which its anniversary certificate date is on September 2012. Also, the re-assessment was delayed to allow the assessment team to review additional information provided after the scoring and the client's review of the Client Draft Report (CDR) and because of a delay of the peer reviewer on the writing of the peer reviewer reports. The re-assessment process is currently at the Peer Review stage. A 2 months extension is requested to ensure that the fishery will not be penalized, i.e. the fishery will still be covered by a certificate during all the re-assessment process.</p> <p>The request does not alter the conformity of the SS Snow Crab Trap Fishery Herring with the relevant MSC standard. The sustainability of the fishery is unaffected by this change.</p>	
3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	
The extension will allow the client to be still covered by a certificate during all the re-assessment process.	
4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	Not yet. Stakeholders will be notified if the extension is granted
5. Further Comments	
N/A	