

Lloyd's Register

**Gulf of St Lawrence Northern shrimp trawl
fishery**

MSC Variation Request

1 Marine Stewardship Council variation request

Table 1 – Variation request

1	Date submitted to MSC
	- Please note the MSC will usually respond within 14 days, but for complex variations, longer may be necessary. The MSC will keep you informed if it will take longer than 14 days.
	4 th October 2019
2	CAB
	Lloyd's Register
3	Fishery name and certificate number or CoC certificate number
	Gulf of St Lawrence Northern shrimp trawl fishery – no current certificate
4	Lead auditor or program manager
	Polly Burns
5	Request prepared by
	Polly Burns
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	FCP V2.1 7.16.1 The team shall carry out the site visit as planned. GSA 7.17 The full assessment team should attend all the meetings at the site visit. Where this could cause unreasonable cost or inconvenience, and where the assessment would not be adversely affected by some team members participating remotely, the CAB may submit a variation request.
7	How many times has a variation for this requirement been accepted for the same assessment of the same fishery?
	- e.g. Fill in 2 nd if a previous extension request on the 60 days requirement for surveillance reports has been accepted, and this request is for an additional time extension on top of that.
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Table 1 – Variation justification

1	Proposed variation	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please describe how the CAB proposes to vary from the requirement including, where required, any original deadline date, the length of additional time requested and the exact modified deadline date. 	
	The CAB proposes to hold a remote site visit with two auditors participating remotely.	
2	Additional time requested	
	Original deadline date	N/A
	Modified deadline date requested	N/A
	Length of additional time requested	N/A
3	Justification	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please explain in detail why the variation is requested and why the change is necessary. This helps the MSC decide whether the variation request should be granted. 	
	<p>This fishery entered re-assessment on the 9th March 2018 under V2.0 process. As part of this process it had a site visit, and extra consultation after exceeding 9 months. The period between announcement and final report then exceeded 18 months, and the fishery was withdrawn from assessment.</p> <p>The fishery will now re-enter assessment, in a new assessment. Considering that this new assessment is a continuation of the reassessment that had to cease, LR are therefore requesting to hold the site visit remotely to minimise costs.</p> <p>The latest stock assessment and up to date fishery information has already been incorporated into the report as part of the ACDR, and remote meetings with the client and others as necessary will still be held to give the opportunity to discuss anything further with the teams via conference call. LR have already consulted with the client that there is no changes to the operations that would require an onsite site visit. If any stakeholders feel an onsite is necessary, LR will welcome to hear from them and we can arrange as necessary.</p>	
4	If a fishery assessment, implications for assessment	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please include any impacts on the assessment/certificate if the request is accepted referencing any other requirements which may be affected, and the risks these implications could have. - e.g. Timeline delays, stakeholder input 	
	This will shorten the length of the assessment by 30 days.	
5	If a fishery assessment, mitigation of the implication for assessment	
	Please include information how risks of the implications for the assessment that have been identified under the previous question are proposed to be mitigated by the CAB.	
	There will still be ample time for stakeholders to engage in the assessment and provide input, in line with the requirements for fisheries previously involved in the programme. As it was a reassessment before being withdrawn, there are all the related documents and previous reports available to stakeholders. As above, if stakeholders require an onsite that discussion will be had and we will address appropriately.	
6	If a fishery assessment, how many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?	

	N/A
7	What is the status of the current assessment?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please include the latest version and timing of the report that has been prepared, and an indication when the next report is expected (e.g. the Client and Peer Review Draft Report has been sent to the client and the peer reviewers on 7 June 2018. The Public Comment Draft Report is expected to be ready on 1 September 2018).
	New assessment announced with ACDR.
8	Further comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please include any further relevant information.
	The previous assessment announced RBF for 2.2.1 which we will do this time, though note that in the absence of main secondary species, we did not use PSA to score. There has been no change to the status of main secondary species.
9	If applicable, additional information added after MSC's request

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1.3	14 January 2013	Updated in line with requirements in MSC Certification Requirements v1.3, including P2 to P1 'expedited audit'
2.0	08 October 2014	Updates in line with release of Fisheries Certification Requirements v2.0
2.1	04 October 2016	Updated contact information
3.0	17 December 2018	Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.1

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