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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement v2.1 FCP-7.28.23.1 for Canada northern and striped shrimp

Dear Polly Burns,

I write with reference to your submission on 27/02/2020 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow:

LR proposes to submit the surveillance report for the Canada Northern and Striped Shrimp fishery 2 weeks after the deadline of 28th February 2020, making a new deadline of 13th March 2020.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to v2.1 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:

- Lloyd's Register proposes to submit the 3rd Surveillance Report 2 weeks after the current deadline following discussions and revision to the Client Action Plan.
- Lloyd's Register has proposed a new deadline of 13 March 2020 for the Surveillance Report.

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

- Lloyd's Register upload the Surveillance Report to the MSC database by 13 March 2020 for publication on the MSC website.

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