

Marine Stewardship Council fisheries assessments
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DNV GL Business Assurance

Greenland lumpfish fishery MSC Variation Request



1 Marine Stewardship Council variation request

Table 1 – Variation request

1	Date submitted to the MSC
	2020-07-28
2	CAB
	DNV GL Business Assurance
3	Fishery name and certificate number or CoC certificate number
	Greenland lumpfish fishery
4	Lead auditor or program manager
	Sandhya Chaudhury
5	Request prepared by
	Sandhya Chaudhury
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	<p>7.29.4 The CAB shall announce an expedited audit, if triggered, within 30 days of becoming aware of changes to the circumstances of the fishery, or of new information that may cause a 'material difference' as defined in 7.20.6.c.(7.29.1)</p> <p>FCP v.2.2 clause 7.29.1 The CAB shall complete an expedited audit if the CAB becomes aware of changes to the circumstances of the fishery and/or of new information that may cause</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A PI score falling below 60. b. A Principle score falling below an aggregate 80 score due to the changes to the score of one or more PI's.
7	How many times has a variation for this requirement been accepted for the same assessment of the same fishery?
	None

Table 2 – Variation justification	
1	Proposed variation
	Delay the triggering of an expedited audit on Greenland lumpfish fishery until 08 th September 2020 – 60 days instead of the required 30 days after new information was identified and confirmed.
2	Additional time requested
	Original deadline date
	08 August 2020
	Modified deadline date requested
	08 September 2020
	Length of additional time requested
	30 days.
3	Justification
	<p>The Greenland lumpfish fishery for, the 2020 season, took place in March-June (incl) and regulations (inter alia TAC) were issued according to the Management Plan prior to the fishery start. In late June DNV GL became aware of a derogation issued for the last few weeks of the fishing season, an increase of the TAC by 14% (163 t roe) as a TAC transfer from unharvested quota in 2019. DNV GL requested the Client 'Sustainable Fisheries Greenland' to provide background information and received responses on 8 July.</p> <p>The Greenland lumpfish fishery has had a TAC transfer for the 2020 fishing season. The transfer of TAC is not covered by the present management plan which was reviewed at the last on-site meeting in September 2019. The CAB was made aware of this transfer on the 4th of June 2020 and initiated communication with the client for confirmation and clarification. The confirmation of the TAC transfer was received from the client on 08th July 2020.</p> <p>There have been several rounds of communication with the client and subsequent evaluation meetings between the Team Leader and the Principle expert for this fishery assessment, both by email and TEAMS meetings. Clarifications have been presented regarding the TAC transfer and the stock. To evaluate if this new information does have an effect on material outcome which is not temporary the team has requested further clarifications and assurance on the management plan. Clients submission on this will have to be corroborated by the relevant authorities. The triggering of an expedited audit will then depend on evaluation of this information, once received.</p> <p>As per requirements the expedited audit should be announced by 08.08.2020. The extension is requested on consultation with the Principle expert and based on the Covid-19 situation and its general effect on total workload as well as the summer holiday season affecting the different parties, as also access to all information required for an evaluation to trigger the expedited audit.</p>
4	If a fishery assessment, implications for assessment
	The fishery is ongoing reassessment- the Public Comment Draft Report was published on 02 April 2020 and the Final Report is scheduled to be published in November 2020 (Covid 19 derogation extension). This Variation Request has no implication on the reassessment process deadlines.
5	If a fishery assessment, mitigation of the implications for assessment
	NA
6	If a fishery assessment, how many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?
	The PCDR specifies 5 conditions and 3 recommendations for this fishery. Their progress will not be affected by this Variation Request.

7	What is the status of the current assessment or audit?
	The Greenland lumpfish certificate expires 13 February 2021 based on the certification date of 13 August 2015 and the COVID-19 extension of 6 months. The certificate is under reassessment. The fourth surveillance audit report was published on 12 th November 2019. The next scheduled audit (first surveillance) will be around January 2022. There is no surveillance audit planned for 2020 and 2021. The reassessment report will be published in February 2021.
8	Further comments
	NA
9	If applicable, additional information added after the MSC's request
	NA

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