



Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

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| Date submitted to MSC | 5 th December 2016 |
| Name of CAB | Acoura Marine |
| Fishery Name | North West Atlantic Longline Swordfish & North West Atlantic Harpoon Swordfish |
| Programme Manager | Polly Burns |
| Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested | FCR 7.23.18 This Surveillance Report shall be forwarded to the MSC within 60 days of completing the audit, for publication on the MSC website. |
| Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)? | No |

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| 1. Proposed variation | |
| Surveillance report will be submitted 5 weeks after current deadline of 8 th December 2016. | |
| 2. Rationale/Justification | |
| There have been technical queries relating to these fisheries' surveillance audits, that have required clarification and input from the MSC to ensure correct process is followed. Additionally, the surveillance audits for both these fisheries have generated significant stakeholder input, which has required extra consideration from the team and has meant the writing of reports has taken longer than usual. It is therefore requested that a maximum of 5 weeks extra to complete the reports is granted. | |
| 3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only) | |
| <i>There are no further delays anticipated if this request were to be accepted. The reassessment which is also ongoing for both fisheries will not be affected.</i> | |
| 4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only) | No, stakeholders will be notified when this request is published. |
| 5. Further Comments | |
| None, thank you. | |