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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement v2.0 FCR-7.19.4.2 for US Atlantic spiny dogfish

Dear Sian Morgan,

I write with reference to your submission on 23/05/2018 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow:

SCS proposes omitting for fisheries certified under process and General Certification Requirements v2.1. This information is already captured in the fisheries certificate and the statement describing certificate sharing.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to v2.0 FCR-7.19.4.2 state:

The CAB shall provide a statement for the MSC to post on its website defining:

- a. Which parties (vessels, fleets and/or any other client group members, including named companies) are currently eligible to access the certificate;
- b. Which other eligible fishers, if such exist, may be able to access the certificate through the mechanism of certificate sharing; and
- c. Which points of landing or other transfer may be used for the sale of fish from the certified fishery into further chains of custody

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:

- The information required by clause 7.19.4.2 (MSC FCR v. 2.0) is covered in the fisheries certificate and the statement describing certificate sharing (GCR 7.5.7, and FCR 7.19.3), which are required to be submitted to MSC following the release of the Public Certification Report.

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

- Re-submit the original variation request, with an amended proposed variation that clearly states what is being requested.

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: Accreditation Services International