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Sent by email

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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement v1.3 24.2.3 for the Canada Scotia-Fundy haddock fishery

Dear Ivan Mateo,

I write with reference to your submission on 27 July 2015 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow for the fishery to remain in assessment against the current version of the MSC Certification Requirements where the PCDR will not be published within 9 months of the site visit.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to timing of report submissions and version of the MSC Standard 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 in your letter supporting your request, including:

- The assessment team requests that the deadline for PCDR submission change from 19 August 2015 to 19 October 2015.
- The team has received new information from management authorities and the client for evaluating Principle 2. The assessment team is currently reviewing information that will be included in the preliminary client draft report. The team is planning to send this draft report to the client at the end of August.
- The team requests to still use the MSC Standard v1.3 for continuing assessment of this fishery, as it will be easier to maintain consistency with overlapping fisheries.
- The CAB will provide stakeholders with an additional 30 days for submission of any new information relating to the fishery that the team should consider in the assessment of the fishery.

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

- The CAB should note that, at reassessment, the fishery would be expected to move to FCR v2.0.



If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact Jodi Bostrom the Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Hoggarth".

Dr Daniel Hoggarth
Fisheries Oversight Director

cc: ASI, lead auditor