

MSC Variation Request

# NORWAY BEAKED REDFISH

Marine Stewardship Council fisheries assessments

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**Table 1 – Variation request**

1	Date submitted to the MSC
	29.06.2022
2	CAB
	DNV Business Assurance
3	Fishery name and certificate number
	Norway beaked redfish
4	Lead auditor or program manager
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5	Request prepared by
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6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	FCP v2.2 7.5.5: The CAB shall not change the UoA and UoC during the assessment unless the UoA is announced provisionally in the initial announcement and confirmed later in conformity with 7.17.3.
7	How many times has a variation for this requirement been accepted for the same assessment of the same fishery?
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**Table 2 – Variation justification**

1	Proposed variation	
	<p>To allow for a change in the UoA, regardless of this not been announced provisionally (note that the UoC was provisionally announced).</p> <p>We would like to UoA to be equal to UoC so that there are not other eligible fishers.</p> <p>It would be great to have this variation granted as soon as possible.</p>	
2	Additional time requested	
	Original deadline date	N/A
	Modified deadline date requested	N/A
	Length of additional time requested	N/A (ASAP)
3	Justification	
	<p>The UoAs are described in the ADCR for this Norwegian fishery are in accordance to the Client Information sheet, which specified Russia and other 3<sup>rd</sup> countries as other eligible fishers (Note that 3<sup>rd</sup> countries indeed includes anyone outside Norway).</p> <p>However, the client never had the intention to share the certificate, this is not their normal procedure in the other 10 certified fisheries they have, and it was stated by email to the CAB (but not to the Team leader) at the beginning of the process.</p> <p>The CPRDR has already been submitted and PR comments have been received.</p> <p>Russia and 3<sup>rd</sup> countries have not been considered in the assessment, so in fact there has been no consideration of any foreign information in relation to this fishery and at present the UoA has only considered information by Norwegian vessels.</p> <p>On June 21<sup>st</sup> ASI conducted an office audit and the fishery was sampled and a finding was raised on the issue.</p> <p>FCP v2.2 Section 7.5.2 states:</p> <p><i>The CAB shall determine the proposed UoA (i.e. what is to be assessed) to include:</i></p> <p><i>a. The target stock(s).</i></p> <p><i>b. The fishing gear type(s) and, if relevant, vessel type(s).</i></p> <p><i>c. The fishing fleets or groups of vessels, or individual fishing operators pursuing that stock, <b>including any other eligible fishers that are outside the proposed Unit of Certification (UoC).</b></i></p> <p>The reality is that no fishers outside the UoC have been considered in the assessment.</p>	
4	Implications for assessment	
	<p>This change would better reflect what has been assessed and would facilitate client's wish of not sharing the certificate. PCDR should be published as soon as possible according to original timeline.</p>	
5	Mitigation of the implications for assessment	
	<p>The present VR prevents potential risks of certificate sharing agreements with other eligible fishers which have not been considered. Not granting this variation would facilitate these risks.</p>	
6	How many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?	
	<p>The fishery is at present under Initial assessment. There is one condition under PI 2.4.2 in relation to voluntary measures afforded by other UoAs to prevent damage to the seabed habitats.</p>	

7	What is the status of the current assessment or audit?
	The fishery is at present under initial assessment. Original timeline has a date for submission of PCDR of 1 <sup>st</sup> July. PCDR has not been published yet.
8	Further comments
	A VR was already granted to allow target eligibility date to be set before the PCDR date, on May 1 <sup>st</sup> in accordance with the start of the fishing season.
9	If applicable, additional information added after the MSC's request

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