

Marine Stewardship Council

Variation Request Form

This form details the information required from CABs to enable the MSC to consider a request to vary from the Certification Requirements.

Please complete all unshaded fields. Where instructions are included in italics, please delete and replace with the described information.

Once complete, delete this first page of the document, save as a PDF file and send to either:

- The MSC Fishery Assessment Manager assigned to the certified fishery/fishery being assessed, or
- coc@msc.org, if the variation is requested in relation to a CoC requirement.

On receipt, the MSC will consider your request and will usually respond within 14 days.

If your variation request is regarding a fishery requirement, please note that all approved variation request forms and the MSC response to the request will be published on the MSC website with announcements for the fishery.

This does not apply to the optional 'Confidential Information' section on page 3 of this document. If this is not required it can be left blank and deleted from the final completed Variation Request Form sent to the MSC. If used, the information will be used by MSC in considering the variation request but the page with this section will be deleted from the form before it is published.

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Date submitted to MSC	15 th April 2013
Conformity Assessment Body	Intertek Moody Marine
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	New Zealand Albacore Troll Fishery
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Jo Akroyd / Paul Knapman
Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	CR 27.22.3.1
Is this variation sought in order to undertake an expedited P1 assessment (CR annex CL)?	No

1. Proposed variation

To extend the period between completing the annual on-site visit activities for the second annual surveillance audit.

2. Rationale/Justification

Owing to the availability of key staff within the client group we request that the site visit is undertaken slightly outside of the annual reporting procedure. The fishery was certified on 16th May 2011 and the site visit is proposed for the week commencing 20th May 2013.

3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

Other than a slight delay in the publication of the second annual surveillance audit there are no significant implications for the certification.

4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

No. They will be informed through a notification and invited to participate in the annual audit.

5. Further Comments

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6. Confidential Information
N/A

EXPEDITED PRINCIPLE 1 ASSESSMENT FOR MAIN RETAINED PRINCIPLE 2 STOCKS

7. Main retained Principle 2 stock(s) for which an expedited Principle 1 assessment is sought	<i>Please list the stocks for which an expedited P1 assessment is sought. These must be stocks assessed in the existing certified fishery as 'main retained species'</i>
8. Evaluation of potential impact on Principle 2	
<i>If a P2 species is certified under P1, there could be potential impacts to bycatch, habitat, or ecosystem scoring, depending on any altered persecution of the fishery that may arise. Please provide a discussion of this potential for the specific fishery in question here.</i>	
9. Evaluation of potential impact on Principle 3	
<i>If a P2 species is certified under P1, there could be potential impacts to the scoring of the fishery-specific management system, depending on how specific the initial evaluation of these impacts was to the initial Principle 1 stock(s). Please provide a discussion of this potential for the specific fishery in question here.</i>	
10. Based on the potential impacts identified in 8 and 9, please list any additions to the expedited assessment requirements given in Annex CL that will be necessary to ensure the fishery is accurately assessed against Principles 1, 2, and 3 with the proposed additional P1 stocks.	
<i>These could include rescoring of some P2 and/or P3 performance indicators, additional team member or peer reviewer involvement, etc.</i>	