

Lloyd's Register

Canada Scotian Shelf Northern Prawn Trawl

MSC Variation Request

1 Marine Stewardship Council variation request

Table 1 – Variation request

1	Date submitted to MSC
	- Please note the MSC will usually respond within 14 days, but for complex variations, longer may be necessary. The MSC will keep you informed if it will take longer than 14 days.
	8 th May 2019
2	CAB
	Lloyd's Register
3	Fishery name and certificate number or CoC certificate number
	Canada Scotian Shelf Northern Prawn Trawl
4	Lead auditor or program manager
	Polly Burns
5	Request prepared by
	Polly Burns
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	GCR V2.3 7.5.6 The CAB shall issue fishery certificates with a maximum validity period of 5 years from the issue date.
7	How many times has a variation for this requirement been accepted for the same assessment of the same fishery?
	- e.g. Fill in 2 nd if a previous extension request on the 60 days requirement for surveillance reports has been accepted, and this request is for an additional time extension on top of that.
	2nd request for an extension to the certificate – previous VR accepted 15th January 2019.

Table 1 – Variation justification

1	Proposed variation	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please describe how the CAB proposes to vary from the requirement including, where required, any original deadline date, the length of additional time requested and the exact modified deadline date. 	
	<p>The certificate will be extended from the 17th May 2019 to 17th August 2019 – representing an extension of 3 months (or the date of recertification, whichever is sooner).</p>	
2	Additional time requested	
	Original deadline date	17 th May 2019
	Modified deadline date requested	17 th July August 2019
	Length of additional time requested	3 months (+ additional 3 months previously accepted)
3	Justification	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please explain in detail why the variation is requested and why the change is necessary. This helps the MSC decide whether the variation request should be granted. 	
	<p>This fishery entered assessment on the 9th March 2018. This fishery has moved from V1.3 certification requirements to V2.0 certification requirements. As previously described, this has had implications for the level of information that is required for the assessment and as such, the client had to prepare additional information to support the scoring against V2.0. This was confirmed in April 2019 (later than planned at the time of the last variation request), and the report is now under peer review but there will not be time for the assessment process to conclude before the certificate expires. In order to maintain certification and avoid the issues for the supply chain we request that the certificate is extended for another three months, giving the assessment the chance to conclude.</p> <p><u>No sustainability implications for extending the certificate. The fishery is certified under V1.3 and the fishery is passing as it stands under V2.0.</u></p>	
4	If a fishery assessment, implications for assessment	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please include any impacts on the assessment/certificate if the request is accepted referencing any other requirements which may be affected, and the risks these implications could have. - e.g. Timeline delays, stakeholder input 	
	<p>The assessment has already exceeded the 9 month deadline for the publication of the PCDR, and a new stakeholder comment period was therefore opened. Peer review is currently underway and we intend to publish the PCDR in late May, with a final report in early July.</p>	
5	If a fishery assessment, mitigation of the implication for assessment	
	<p>Please include information how risks of the implications for the assessment that have been identified under the previous question are proposed to be mitigated by the CAB.</p>	
	<p>None – the remaining steps allow stakeholders to provide input to the team's scoring.</p>	
6	If a fishery assessment, how many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?	
	<p>N/A</p>	

7	What is the status of the current assessment?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please include the latest version and timing of the report that has been prepared, and an indication when the next report is expected (e.g. the Client and Peer Review Draft Report has been sent to the client and the peer reviewers on 7 June 2018. The Public Comment Draft Report is expected to be ready on 1 September 2018).
	In re-assessment – peer review under way. Public Comment Draft Report expected to be published w/c 27 th May 2019.
8	Further comments
	None, thank you.
9	If applicable, additional information added after MSC's request
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the real date of announcement? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Variation Request says the 12th March 2018, • The original announcement is dated the 9th March 2018, • The new timeline (which was uploaded on the 12th March 2019) states 10th December 2018 for announcement and that the site visit took place in January 2018. <p>The correct date is 9th March 2019 – apologies for the unclear presentation of dates.</p> 2. In the current timeline it is outlined that the assessment will take up to September 2019 before publishing the Final Report (right up to the 18 month deadline). This does not seem to match with the Variation Request statement that the PCDR will be published end of May and the Final Report by July. <p>Current timeline has been updated – apologies for the mistakes. Certification should occur by 17th august</p> 3. In the Variation Request, the date in the 'Proposed Variation' (17th August) does not match the 'modified deadline date requested' (17th July). Amedned and previous date has been strikedthrough. <p>A typo was made – three months from 17th May is 17th August.</p> 4. It's not entirely clear from the Variation Request rationale whether there are any sustainability implications for extending the existing fishery certificate. <p>None – sentence added in (underlined) to the justification box.</p>

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1.3	14 January 2013	Updated in line with requirements in MSC Certification Requirements v1.3, including P2 to P1 'expedited audit'
2.0	08 October 2014	Updates in line with release of Fisheries Certification Requirements v2.0
2.1	04 October 2016	Updated contact information
3.0	17 December 2018	Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.1

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