

## Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

<b>Date submitted to MSC</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
<b>Name of CAB</b>	SAI Global
<b>Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number</b>	Scotian Shelf snow crab trap fishery Fishery Certificate number: SAI-F-005
<b>Lead Auditor/Programme Manager</b>	Géraldine Criquet/Julie McDonald
<b>Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested</b>	FCR 7.23.18 Surveillance report/Expedited Audit Report shall be forwarded to MSC within 60 days of completing the audit for publication on the MSC website.
<b>Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?</b>	No

<b>1. Proposed variation</b>	
Request to forward the expedited audit report to MSC within 98 days (March 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2018) of the site visit audit completing date.	
<b>2. Rationale/Justification</b>	
<p>SAIG is currently carrying out an expedited audit for the above fishery. A site visit was held on December 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. A first VR for forwarding the expedited audit report to MSC by March 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 was issued and accepted. SAIG requests an additional week for forwarding the expedited audit to MSC. It will give more time to the fishery for preparing a robust client action plan to ensure the fishery does not hinder the recovery of the North Atlantic right whale. Once completed, the expedited audit report will be peer reviewed by an external expert from the Peer Review College before being forwarded to MSC.</p> <p>The request does not alter the conformity of the Scotian Shelf snow crab trap fishery with the relevant MSC standard. The sustainability of the fishery is unaffected by this change.</p>	
<b>3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>	
The extension will allow the expedited audit to be finalised complying with the FCR.	
<b>4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>	Not yet. Stakeholders will be notified if the VR is granted
<b>5. Further Comments</b>	
N/A	