

## Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

<b>Date submitted to MSC</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2018
<b>Name of CAB</b>	Acoura (part of Lloyd's Register)
<b>Fishery Name</b>	PRA & SPSG North Sea herring
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<b>Variation prepared by:</b>	Jim Andrews/Polly Burns
<b>Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested</b>	FCR 7.23.18 This Surveillance Report shall be forwarded to the 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>	
Surveillance report will be submitted 9.5 weeks after current deadline of 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2018.	
<b>2. Rationale/Justification</b>	
<p>The audit team has identified the need to harmonise the surveillance outcome with each of the other MSC-certified North Sea herring fisheries, with the possibility that this will also require the CABs involved to develop a harmonised condition, and for each client fishery to present an appropriate corrective action plan. The audit teams for each fishery at each CAB were consulted to determine their availability for this harmonisation process. The earliest date when all of the relevant staff will be available for a harmonisation discussion is in early September 2018.</p> <p>Given the procedures that will need to be followed once the CABs have agreed a harmonised outcome, a variation of the deadline for submission of the annual surveillance audit report is requested. The 60-day deadline for submission of the report was due to be on 25th August 2018. A variation is requested for submission of the report by 31st October 2018.</p>	
<b>3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>	
There will be no implications for the fishery if this variation is accepted.	
<b>4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>	No, stakeholders will be notified on publication of this request along with the response given by the MSC.
<b>5. Further Comments</b>	
None, thank you.	