

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request Form V1.3

Date submitted to MSC	24 th December 2014
Conformity Assessment Body	SAI Global Assurance Limited
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	US Atlantic Spiny dogfish
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Ivan Mateo
Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	CR – Part C 27.22.13 If the CAB conducts an on-site audit, the CAB shall prepare a public surveillance report as set out in Annex CG and this shall be forwarded to the MSC within thirty days of completing the on-site component of the audit, for publication on the MSC website following agreement by the MSC that it is acceptable for publication.
Is this variation sought in order to undertake an expedited P1 assessment (CR annex CL)?	No

1. Proposed variation

SAI Global wishes to delay the submission of the report of the 2nd surveillance audit from January 13th (30 days from the last day of the site visit) to February 12th a period of 30 days extended from the original submission date.

2. Rationale/Justification

A substantial amount of information is required to complete the audit. The surveillance audit is being interrupted by the end of year holidays for Christmas and New Year. The client fishery and CAB are experiencing delays in receiving information important to completing the surveillance audit from a variety of sources associated with the management of the fishery due to the availability of personnel. A period of 30 days is deemed sufficient to allow time for this information to be made available.

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

There should be no other implications in the process other than a 30 day delay in submission of the report to MSC; otherwise surveillance will be completed as per the requirements of the MSC Certification Requirements, i.e. CR Part C 27.22.4 to 27.22.5 inclusive.

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

No. All stakeholders will be informed of the variation on the date it is released by the MSC on its website.

5. Further Comments

N/A

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	
N/A	
9. Evaluation of potential impact on Principle 3	
N/A	
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.	
N/A	