



DNV GL

**Denmark Skagerrak and Norwegian Deep
cold water prawn**

MSC Variation Request

Marine Stewardship Council variation request

Table 1 – Variation request

1	Date submitted to the 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.
	2019-09-25
2	CAB
	DNV GL
3	Fishery name and certificate number or CoC certificate number
	Denmark Skagerrak and Norwegian Deep cold water prawn fishery/ MSC-F-31240
4	Lead auditor or program manager
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5	Request prepared by
	Sigrun Bekkevold
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	FCP 7.28.6: The CAB shall undertake surveillance audits within 30 days prior to the anniversary date of the certificate unless the following applies.: The CAB may elect to undertake surveillance audits up to 6 months earlier or later than the anniversary date, where this deviation is appropriate given the circumstances of the fishery..
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.
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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 time for the annual surveillance audit of the fishery will be extended beyond the normal 6-month maximum period between anniversary date of certificate and surveillance audit, from the current expiry date of 2th November 2019 until 2 January 2020 (or 2 December 2019 if 2 months is deemed not acceptable by MSC)</p>	
2	Additional time requested	
	Original deadline date	2 November 2019
	Modified deadline date requested	2 January 2020 (or 2 December 2019 if January is deemed not acceptable)
	Length of additional time requested	2 months (or 1 month if 2 months is deemed not acceptable)
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>The current DFPO certificate for the Denmark Skagerrak and Norwegian Deep cold water prawn fishery was first issued on 3 May 2016 and has had yearly assessments/surveillance audits in May 2017 and June 2018.</p> <p>The audit for 2019 has currently been postponed to the latest of the normal 6-month window on the background that this fishery is currently undergoing reassessment as part of the Joint demersal fisheries in the North Sea and adjacent waters fishery (JDF), from which the presumable certificate is meant to replace the existing MSC certificate for this fishery issued by DNV GL. The planned timeline for the JDF assessment has been to finish the certification within the this 6-months window, and by that obviate the required surveillance audit for keeping the fishery certified.</p> <p>The JDF assessment published the Final Report in April 2019, but has since then been going through an Independent Adjudication for an objection submitted from a NGO consortium. According to the client of the Danish fishery the finishing of this process for issuing the JDF certification is imminent and likely to happen before or around the expiry of the 6-month extension of the annual surveillance audit time for the current certificate.</p> <p>The JDF Final Report has taken into account the new EU-Norway Management plan for <i>Pandalus</i>, and also the current conditions in the DFPO cold-water prawn certification. The latest surveillance of the Danish fishery was June 2018. However, the newer surveillance for the Norwegian Skagerrak cold water prawn fisheries (published July 2019) closed the condition on PI1.2.1, and this was also supposed to be done in the next surveillance of the Danish Skagerrak cold water prawn fishery.</p> <p>Performing a surveillance audit of the Danish fishery at the time by (or close to) a new certificate is presumably issued, is according to DFPO questionable in terms of time- and cost-effectiveness. DNV GL therefore requests MSC to extend the deadline for conducting the annual surveillance until the 2 January 2020 (or 2 December 2019) to allow for the outcome of the new certification to be implemented. If the JDF should fail the fishery would still have time to have a surveillance audit.</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. 	

	No other implications for the assessment
5	If a fishery assessment, mitigation of the implications for assessment
	- 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.
	NA
6	If a fishery assessment, how many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?
	The fishery has 7 after the last surveillance 5 open conditions, of which 3 are expected to be closed at the next surveillance. Their progress is not expected to be affected by the delay.
7	What is the status of the current assessment or audit?
	- 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).
	The status is that there has been 2 yearly surveillances in this initial certification period
8	Further comments
	- Please include any further relevant information.
	No further comments
9	If applicable, additional information added after the MSC's request

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