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Sent by email

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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement v2.2 FCP-7.28.23 for NFA Norway ling & tusk and NFA Norway lumpfish

Dear Jodi Bostrom,

I write with reference to your submission on 18/08/2022 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow:

As per FCP v2.2 7.28.23, the surveillance report is due on 1 August 2022. In July 2022, the CAB requested an extension of 30 days, which was extended, making the revised deadline 31 August 2022. The CAB is requesting another extension of 14 days, which would move the deadline to 14 September 2022.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to v2.2 FCP-7.28.23 state:

The CAB shall upload the Surveillance Report to the MSC database within 60 days of completing the audit for publication on the MSC website

These are integral to ensuring all MSC accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies operate in a consistent and transparent manner. The MSC intends that these requirements be met across all fisheries and CoC certificate holders, except in exceptional, well-justified circumstances, as part of the MSC programme.

MSC notes the factors presented supporting your request, including:

- DNV is requesting an additional 14-days' extension on the deadline for the publication of the ongoing surveillance report, to allow sufficient time to proceed according to the output of another variation requested by the fishery.

Given the rationale provided, the MSC is willing to grant a variation to the CR in this case subject to the following conditions:

- The report shall be submitted no later than 14 September 2022.
- When requested by MSC, the CAB can confirm that it is not aware at this time of any factor (related to either fishery status, or performance against conditions) that could result in the fishery no longer being in compliance with the MSC Fisheries Standard.
- The CAB shall inform stakeholders on the delay in the publication of the surveillance report

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery.

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