

# Marine Stewardship Council

## Variation Request Form

<b>Certification Body</b>	<i>Scientific Certification Systems</i>
<b>Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number</b>	<i>US Sablefish/ SCS-MFCP-F-0019</i>
<b>Lead Auditor/Programme Manager</b>	<i>Dr. Sabine Daume/Same</i>
<b>Scheme requirement(s) to vary from</b>	<i>FCMv6.1 Section 5.3.1</i>

<b>Proposed variation</b>
<i>Variance to the maximum period of validity of a fishery certificate of five years to five years and 3 months. Currently the fishery certificate expires after 9 May of 2011; this request would extend the validity of the fishery certificate through 9 Aug 2011.</i>

<b>Rationale/Justification</b>
<p><i>The release of the Public Comment Draft Report has been delayed to accommodate additional science, management and stakeholder inputs. Final scoring and negotiations on the subsequent conditions was delayed to accommodate an additional onsite meeting and a meeting between relevant management agencies and stakeholders to adopt a "preferred alternative" that may have affected performance indicators in Principle 2. There was also additional time allowed for stakeholder comments on peer reviewers.</i></p> <p><i>The second onsite meeting was conducted on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of August, 2010 in Juneau Alaska. This is an area near where the fishery takes place. SCS and the assessment team were available for additional input from local stakeholders, scientists and managers in a locale more easily accessed by stakeholders of the fishery (there are no roads into or out of Juneau). To further accommodate stakeholders, SCS also offered additional peer reviewers for stakeholder comment with an associated peer reviewer comment period. The fishers are currently fishing. If the certificate lapses, significant losses may be incurred by the client group. For these reasons, SCS requests a 3 month extension of the certificate.</i></p>

<b>Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>
<i>No substantive impact on the assessment or other requirements other than to improve the integrity of the report. The granting of this variance will simply ensure there is no break in certification status of the fishery between certification cycles which will also prevent any losses in revenue in subsequent chains-of-custody due to a lapse.</i>

<b>Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request?</b>	<i>A stakeholder distribution list exists for the fishery. Should the variance be granted an email</i>
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(required for fisheries assessment variations only	<i>will be sent to this list informing them of the extension of certificate validity date and what, if any, affects this may have on the assessment.</i>
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<b>Further Comments</b>
<i>None at this time.</i>