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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement for Canada Scotia-Fundy haddock Fishery

Dear Jean,

I write with reference to your submission on 23/02/2015 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow 1 month extension of the certificate expiry (from 31st March 2016 to 30th April 2016)

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to certification periods (7.5.9) 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 in your letter supporting your request, including:

- The team needs additional time to consider and respond to stakeholder comments, including MSC Technical Oversight.
- A late stakeholder submission has been accepted and requires assessment team consideration. The assessment team will need time to finalize the Final Report and Determination following the Certification Committee's decision in March.
- A month extension is requested to ensure continuity of certification and allows products to enter further CoC.
- The request does not alter the conformity of the Canada Scotia-Fundy Haddock with the relevant MSC standard. The sustainability of the fishery is unaffected by this change.
- The team will confirm the change with stakeholders.

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

- ECert is updated to reflect changes, including providing a certificate covering the period from the end of the current certificate to the date accepted in the variation response.



If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact Shaun McLennan, the Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery either by email shaun.mclennan@msc.org or phone 0207 246 8934.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Stephanie Good". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Stephanie Good
Senior Fisheries Certification Manager

Marine Stewardship Council
CC: ASI, lead auditor