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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement v2.2 FCP-7.28.23 for Norway North East Arctic cold water prawn

Dear Jodi Bostrom,

I write with reference to your submission on 23/02/2023 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow:

For an extension of the surveillance report submission deadline by 30 days to allow for the completion of the harmonisation process and subsequent surveillance report preparation.

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:

- Harmonisation activities have delayed completion of the surveillance report

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 18 April 2023.
- When requested by the 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.

Marine Stewardship Council
cc: Assurance Services International