



Marine House
1 Snow Hill
London
EC1A 2DH
United Kingdom
Tel: +44 (0)207 246 9800
Fax: +44 (0)207 246 9801

Guro Meldre Pedersen

Global seafood coordinator

DNV GL - Business Assurance

Veritasveien 1, Høvik 1363

Norway

Sent by email

Date: 23 June 2014

Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement CR 27.22.13 for the Norway north east Arctic Cod, Haddock, cold water prawn, Saithe and North Sea Saithe fisheries

Dear Guro

I write with reference to your submission on 20th June, 2014 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement CR 27.22.13 to allow the surveillance report for all the listed fisheries in your surveillance request to be submitted 4 weeks after the current submission deadline of 30 days after the site-visit.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to submission of surveillance reports in 27.22.13 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 listed Norwegian fisheries are certified through the client Norges Fiskarlag, and main stakeholders involve the same institutions for all fisheries.
- The site visits for all relevant surveillance activities have been coordinated to the benefit of the client to reduce strain on stakeholders and to reduce overall costs.
- The assessment team members for the fisheries involved are overlapping.
- The delay in reporting will allow the assessment teams sufficient time to process information from the site visit for all fisheries before delivering all the surveillance reports.

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

- That all stakeholders are notified of the delay to the submission of these surveillance reports.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact Robert Lefébure, the Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery either by email, Robert.lefebure@msc.org or phone +44 (0)20 7246 8935.

Best regards,



Dan Hoggarth

Fisheries Oversight director

Marine Stewardship Council