

MSC Variation Request

NORWAY NORTH EAST ARCTIC COLD WATER PRAWN

Marine Stewardship Council fisheries assessments

23 February 2023

1. Marine Stewardship Council variation request

Table 1: Variation request

1	Date submitted to the MSC
23 February 2023	
2	CAB
DNV – Business Assurance	
3	Fishery name and certificate number
Norway North East Arctic cold water prawn; MSC-F-31361	
4	Lead auditor or program manager
Jodi Bostrom (PM) / Geir Hønneland (TL)	
5	Request prepared by
Jodi Bostrom	
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
FCP v2.2, 7.28.23: The CAB shall upload the Surveillance Report to the MSC database within 60 days of completing the audit for publication on the MSC website.	
7	How many times has a variation against this requirement been accepted during this assessment or audit of this fishery?
0	

Table 2 – Variation justification

1	Proposed variation
The CAB proposes to extend the surveillance report submission deadline by 30 days to allow for the completion of the harmonisation process and subsequent surveillance report preparation.	
2	Additional time requested (where applicable)
Original deadline date	19 March 2023
Modified deadline date requested	18 April 2023
Number of additional days requested	30 days
3	Justification
<p>There are four overlapping fisheries harvesting cold water prawn in the North East Arctic / Barents Sea:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Norway North East Arctic cold water prawn 2. Estonia North East Arctic cold water prawn and cod 3. FISF Faroe Islands North East Arctic cold water prawn 4. FIUN Russian Barents Sea shrimp <p>Each of these fisheries have conditions on PIs 1.2.1 and 1.2.2. While the conditions and milestones are harmonised, the deadlines are not given that the fisheries were certified at different times. Therefore, the CABs for these fisheries have initiated the harmonisation process to consider harmonising condition deadlines to a specific date instead of a certain surveillance audit so that all fisheries are operating against the same deadline.</p>	
4	Implications for assessment
DNV has concluded that the minor extension does not have any negative implications for the assessment. As noted above, the extension will allow for proper harmonisation of overlapping fisheries, which is a positive implication.	
5	Mitigation of the implications for assessment
No risks are anticipated.	
6	How many conditions does the fishery have?
2	
7	What is the status of the current assessment or audit?
A site visit for the 4 th surveillance audit and reassessment of the fishery was held in January 2023 following publication of the ACDR. The fourth surveillance report is due 19 March 2023.	
8	Other relevant information
9	If applicable, additional information added after the MSC's request

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The CAB shall delete Table 3.

Table 3: Template version control

Version	Date of publication	Description of amendment
1.0	25 March 2020	Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.2
1.1	26 October 2022	Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.2 and v3.0

A controlled document list of MSC program documents is available on the MSC website (<https://www.msc.org/for-business/certification-bodies/supporting-documents>).

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