

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

Date submitted to MSC	8 th September 2017
Name of CAB	Acoura Marine
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	Western Baltic spring spawning herring
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Jim Andrews/Billy Hynes
Variation prepared by:	Billy Hynes with Jim Andrews
Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested	FCR 7.23.18 This Surveillance Report shall be forwarded to the MSC within 60 days of completing the audit, for publication on the MSC website.
Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?	No

1. Proposed variation	
To submit the expedited audit one month after the date allowed in the CR. The report should be submitted by the 10 th September but we request to submit it before the 10 th October.	
2. Rationale/Justification	
An expedited audit was undertaken to review changes in the stock assessment. The expedited audit has resulted in new conditions on the fishery requiring a Client Action Plan which need consultation. The request is made due to the lack of availability of those required to confirm their willingness to collaborate with the client on their CAP. Provisional confirmation has been received. The 30 days requested is to allow a safe margin to receive the required documents and accommodate team availability to finalise the report. This variation does not impact the fisheries status as certified.	
3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	
N/A	
4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	No
5. Further Comments	
N/A	