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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement v2.2 FCP-7.10.3 for Antey Sever Barents Sea Crab

Dear Geir Hønneland,

I write with reference to your submission on 23/11/2020 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow:

The use of a modified tree for the assessment of the Antey Sever Barents Sea Crab fishery in accordance with Annex SD Introduced Species Based Fisheries and MSC FCP v2.2 7.12.5.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to v2.2 FCP-7.10.3 state:

The team shall use the structure and the default set of Performance Indicator Scoring Guideposts in the default assessment tree as set out in the MSC Fisheries Standard (Annex SA) in all assessments, with the following exceptions

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:

- The fishery being assessed is targeting an introduced species. The assessment team have concluded that they will add a 4th scoring issue as directed by Annex SD to review measure in place for this introduced species.
- The proposed modification to the assessment tree has been used previously in Russia Barents Sea Red King Crab (LR) and Russia Barents Sea Opilio Trap fishery.

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

- Stakeholders are informed

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery.

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cc: Assurance Services International