

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

Date submitted to MSC	16 th April 2018
Name of CAB	Acoura
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	FIUN Barents & Norwegian Seas cod and haddock
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Paul Knapman/ Billy Hynes
Variation prepared by:	Billy Hynes
Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested	GCR V2.1 7.5.6 The CAB shall issue fisheries certificates with a maximum validity period of 5 years from the issue date.
Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?	No

1. Proposed variation	
To extend the fishery's certification expiry date from 24 th June 2018 to 31 st August 2018 or publication of the Public Certification Report, whichever comes sooner.	
2. Rationale/Justification	
<p>As detailed in a variation submitted 10th April 2018, the client has had delays in providing information critical to the assessment due to circumstances beyond their control. The requested submission date in that variation for the PCDR is the 31st of May. The extension until 31st August 2018 is to account for the 7 weeks of consultation (PCDR and Final Report) from that date and to allow time to respond to stakeholder comments which may be raised to PCDR noting the delays caused in requests to the client due to the size of the client and need for translation. The length of the extension also removes the risk of a need for further variations.</p> <p>As indicated above, the extension is until the 31st August 2018 at the latest and will be completed earlier, circumstances allowing.</p> <p>Acoura are not aware of any risk to the sustainability of the fishery.</p>	
3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	
A prolonging of the re-assessment process.	
4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	No
5. Further Comments	
No Comment	