

## Marine Stewardship Council

### Variation Request Form v1.3

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Date submitted to MSC	2nd December 2015
Conformity Assessment Body	SAI Global
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	Canada Scotia-Fundy Haddock Fishery Certificate of compliance F-SAI-019
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Ivan Mateo
Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	<i>CR 7.5.9 The CAB shall issue fisheries certificates with a maximum validity period of five years from the issue date.</i>
Is this variation sought in order to undertake an expedited P1 assessment (CR annex CL)?	No

#### 1. Proposed variation

Request that the certificate validity period for this fishery is extended to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016. The variation is proposed to allow the re-assessment to occur without the certificate expiring while the re-assessment process is on-going. SAI Global confirms that the fishery remains consistent with the MSC Standard.

#### 2. Rationale/Justification

The 4<sup>th</sup> surveillance audit was published on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015. A re-assessment of the fishery also commenced on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014. Delays in the full re-assessment were experienced due to:

- Delays in data availability and complexity regarding bycatch information post an initial draft report.
- This resulted in a 2<sup>nd</sup> review of Principle 2 scores by the assessment team (a VR request was made at the time (August 2015) and accepted in order to provide additional time for team review and continue the re-assessment under v1.3 of the MSC Standard).
- A further delay ensued due to interpretation and documenting elements of potentially overlapping fisheries and harmonisation requirements (Oct/Nov 2015).
- Finalising a client action plan.

The re-assessment is now at the peer review stage in the process. Certificate extension is required to fulfil the remaining procedural requirements of peer review, PCDR, Final Report and Determination, Objections period and the Public Certification Report. A previous VR had also been excepted to extend

SAI Global confirms their intention to re-issue certification of the fishery, notwithstanding that the MSC assessment process will be completed in entirety prior to any re-certification being awarded.

**3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)**

The extension will allow the client to be still covered by a certificate until the end of the re-assessment process. SAI Global confirms that the fishery remains consistent with the Principles and Criteria of the MSC Standard.

**4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)**

Stakeholders will be notified accordingly.

**5. Further Comments**

N/A

**6. Confidential Information**

N/A

**EXPEDITED PRINCIPLE 1 ASSESSMENT FOR MAIN RETAINED PRINCIPLE 2 STOCKS****7. Main retained Principle 2 stock(s) for which an expedited Principle 1 assessment is sought**

*Please list the stocks for which an expedited P1 assessment is sought. These must be stocks assessed in the existing certified fishery as 'main retained species'*

**8. Evaluation of potential impact on Principle 2**

N/A

**9. Evaluation of potential impact on Principle 3**

N/A

**10. Based on the potential impacts identified in 8 and 9, please list any additions to the expedited assessment requirements given in Annex CL that will be necessary to ensure the fishery is accurately assessed against Principles 1, 2, and 3 with the proposed additional P1 stocks.**

N/A