

**MSC Variation Request**

# **NORWAY GREENLAND HALIBUT**

Marine Stewardship Council fisheries assessments

27.10.22

# 1 Marine Stewardship Council variation request

**Table 1 – Variation request**

1	Date submitted to the MSC
	25.10.22
2	CAB
	DNV Business Assurance
3	Fishery name and certificate number
	Norway Greenland halibut. Under 1 <sup>st</sup> assessment.
4	Lead auditor or program manager
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5	Request prepared by
	Lucia Revenga
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	FCP v2.2 7.5.5: The CAB shall not change the UoA and UoC during the assessment unless the UoA is announced provisionally in the initial announcement and confirmed later in conformity with 7.17.3.
7	How many times has a variation for this requirement been accepted for the same assessment of the same fishery?
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**Table 2 – Variation justification**

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	<p>At present all UoAs and UoCs under assessment have the following description of the geographical area of the fishery.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="197 414 1434 624"> <tr> <td data-bbox="197 414 411 624">Geographical area</td><td data-bbox="411 414 1434 624"> <p><b>FAO area:</b> 27. ICES I and II.</p> <p><b>Common name of the body of water:</b> Barents Sea and Norwegian Sea</p> <p><b>Local fisheries management area:</b> Norway Ministry of Industries, Fisheries and Innovation. Subject to the joint Norwegian/Russian Fisheries commission.</p> <p><b>Stock region:</b> Greenland halibut (<i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>) in subareas 1 and 2 (Northeast Arctic).</p> </td></tr> </table> <p>The Local fisheries management area should not describe the management but the area, and should read as follows “ICES sub areas 1 and 2, [Norwegian coastal zone (&lt;12 nm) &amp; Norwegian Fishing zone (&gt;12nm) &amp; Russian Fishing zones and international waters]”.</p> <p>A previous request was already granted to modify the UoAs and UoCs, to exclude other eligible fishers. The present error was not noticed previously.</p>	Geographical area	<p><b>FAO area:</b> 27. ICES I and II.</p> <p><b>Common name of the body of water:</b> Barents Sea and Norwegian Sea</p> <p><b>Local fisheries management area:</b> Norway Ministry of Industries, Fisheries and Innovation. Subject to the joint Norwegian/Russian Fisheries commission.</p> <p><b>Stock region:</b> Greenland halibut (<i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>) in subareas 1 and 2 (Northeast Arctic).</p>
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3	Justification		
	<p>The Local fisheries management area should not describe the management but the area</p>		
4	Implications for assessment		
	<p>The description of the UoA and UoC would fit better if this change is made.</p>		
5	Mitigation of the implications for assessment		
	<p>If necessary, stakeholder announcement, although this contributes to stakeholder fatigue.</p>		
6	How many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?		
	<p>The fishery is at present under Initial assessment, 3 conditions are drafted.</p>		
7	What is the status of the current assessment or audit?		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please include the latest version and timing of the report that has been prepared, and an indication when the next report is expected (e.g. the Client and Peer Review Draft Report has been sent to the client and the peer reviewers on 7 June 2018. The Public Comment Draft Report is expected to be ready on 1 September 2018).</li> </ul>		

	The fishery is at present under Initial assessment, and Final Draft Report is to be published as soon as possible.
8	Further comments
	N/A (Apologies a previous version of this same VR was sent asking for area to be changed to “Norwegian EEZ only”, this has now been consulted and agreed.
9	If applicable, additional information added after the MSC’s request

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