

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request Form V1.3

Date submitted to MSC	15 th April 2014
Conformity Assessment Body	MacAlister Elliott and Partners Ltd. (MEP)
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	Normandy and Jersey lobster (Certificate of compliance MEP-F-014 and MEP-F-013)
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Jo Gascoigne/Chrissie Sieben
Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	27.22.3.1 CABs shall complete the activities corresponding to the designated surveillance level within 12, 24, 36 and 48 months respectively of the date of certificate award.
Is this variation sought in order to undertake an expedited P1 assessment (CR annex CL)?	No

1. Proposed variation

MEP proposes to conduct the annual surveillance audit for this fishery on the 24th June 2014. All surveillance activities including reporting will therefore be completed by the 24th July 2014, 8 weeks after the certificate anniversary date.

2. Rationale/Justification

The unit of certification of this fishery is the following: The lobster fishery in the Granville Bay Treaty area and associated Basse Normandie and Jersey territorial waters by commercial fishermen from Basse Normandie (West and North Cotentin) and Jersey. For the purposes of the surveillance audit, interviews will be held with parties from both Normandy and Jersey sides. To facilitate this and limit auditing costs it is proposed that the third annual surveillance audit for this fishery is held at the same time as the three-monthly reunion of the joint committee for Granville Bay, attended by both the client group and this fishery's stakeholders. The next reunion will be held on the 24th June 2014 in Granville, France. It is therefore proposed that the audit takes place on this date.

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

None

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

Not yet. The audit announcement with reference to this variation request will be sent to this fishery's stakeholders prior to the audit date.