

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request Form V1.3

Date submitted to MSC	04/07/13
Conformity Assessment Body	Food Certification International Ltd
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	DFPO Denmark North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat Hake
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Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	CR 24.2.2
Is this variation sought in order to undertake an expedited P1 assessment (CR annex CL)?	No

1. Proposed variation

This is a proposed modification to the previously granted variation, submitted to the MSC on 02/11/12: 'The fishery will not be withdrawn following the 18-month period from date of the on-site assessment visit.'

2. Rationale/Justification

The previously granted variation was framed with a projected release date of June 2013 for the updated ICES advice that the continuation of the fishery was dependent upon. Following this, 'by the end of August 2013' was considered a reasonable timeframe in which to deliver the PCDR for this fishery. Unfortunately the ICES advice was not published until the very **end** of June. This leaves only two months to complete all the steps leading up to release of the PCDR (final scoring, production of the PDR, client comments and action plan, peer review and assessment team considerations of peer review comments). The loss of this potential additional month is very significant so, given that a large part of the uncertainty around the timeline for this fishery is now resolved, and given that it is now proceeding along normal lines, we would like to extend the deadline set by the previous variation by one month.

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

The deadline for submission of the PCDR will be moved to September 2013. If the PCDR has not been published before the end of the month, it will be immediately withdrawn in October 2013.

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

No - stakeholders will be updated via announcement on the MSC website and via direct email notification