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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement CR 27.4.2 for the DFPO Denmark North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat Hake fishery

Dear Tim

I write with reference to your submission on 10th July, 2013 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR 24.2.2) to change the Unit of Certification (UoC) for this fishery during an on-going assessment process.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to the definition of the UoC in 27.4.2 are integral to ensuring all MSC accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies operate in a consistent and transparent manner. The MSC intends that these requirements be met across all fisheries and CoC certificate holders, except in exceptional, well-justified circumstances, as part of the MSC programme.

MSC notes the factors presented in your letter supporting your request, including:

- That the client no longer wishes that the assessment for this fishery covers the Kattegat area (ICES division IIIa East) and therefore should be removed from the UoC
- That there are differences between the trawl component fishing with gear mesh size of less than 100mm and the trawl component fishing with gear mesh size of greater than or equal to 100mm that are significant enough to merit a clear separation of the pre-existing single unit of certification into two separate units of certification.
- This further harmonises with the approach followed for treatment of this gear type in other certified fisheries for this client in the area.

Given the rationale provide, the MSC is willing to grant a variation to the CR in this case subject to the following conditions:

- That all stakeholders are informed of the changes to the UoC's for this fishery as outlined in the variation request

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact Robert Lefébure, the Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery either by email, Robert.lefebure@msc.org or phone +44 (0)20 7246 8935.

Best regards,



Dan Hoggarth, Fisheries Oversight director

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