

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

Date submitted to MSC	31/10/18
Name of CAB	Lloyd's Register
Fishery Name	NIPSG Irish Sea herring
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Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested	FCR V2.0 7.9.1: The team shall carry out the on-site assessment as planned.
Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?	No.

1. Proposed variation	
Acoura requests to have the Principle 1 assessor attending the site visit remotely, with the other 2 team members onsite.	
2. Rationale/Justification	
<p>The NIPSG Irish Sea herring fishery will be undergoing re-assessment and the site visit will be taking place in January 2019. This site visit will also cover the 4th surveillance audit activities. The week proposed has been chosen due to client availability and the need to hold the audit within the 6 month deadline for the 4th surveillance to take place.</p> <p>For this re-assessment we would like to retain the same principle 1 assessor who was a team member on the last three surveillance audits for the fishery. This assessor, Massimiliano Cardinale, is unable to travel on the week proposed for the site visit due to prior commitments and responsibilities. Massimiliano has ICES benchmarking work to carry out making logistics difficult for him to participate in the site visit in person. So that Massimiliano can remain on the team and bring his past experience and knowledge to the re-assessment we would like to be allowed a remote participation for Massimiliano in this case. The Principle 1 information is expected to be available remotely and Massimiliano is able to make himself available for meetings involving the onsite team and clients or stakeholders by calling in using Skype or similar video conferencing facilities.</p>	
3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	
This will not have any other implications for the assessment. Stakeholders will still be able to discuss any concerns about Principle 1 remotely, and the other two team members will be onsite. The rest of the assessment process should be as normal and this change is not expected to have any risk for Lloyd's Register providing a rigorous assessment.	
4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	No – stakeholders will be notified when this request is published.
5. Further Comments	
None.	