

Marine Stewardship Council

Variation Request Form

This form details the information required from CABs to enable the MSC to consider a request to vary from their scheme requirements.

Please complete all unshaded fields. Where instructions are included in italics, please delete and replace with the described information.

Once complete, save and attach to an email to the MSC Fishery Assessment Manager assigned to the fishery being assessed or send to coc@msc.org if the variation is regarding a CoC requirement.

On receipt, the MSC will consider your request and will usually respond within 10 days.

If your variation request is regarding a fishery requirement, please note that all variation requests and the MSC response to the request will be published on the MSC website with announcements for the fishery.

Certification Body	Intertek Moody Marine
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	Pacific cod – longline, jig, trawl, and pot in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Paul Knapman
Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	CR 27.22.3.1

Proposed variation
To undertake the second annual surveillance audit in May 2012 and, assuming no unforeseen circumstances, for the remainder of the Pacific cod certification.
The audit was due to take place by 23 rd January 2012.
The exact date for the 2012 audit cannot yet be confirmed. It is expected that confirmation will be possible by March 1 st 2012.

Rationale/Justification
Last year Moody Marine Ltd requested and had confirmed by MSC a variation to conduct the annual audit for the Pacific cod fisheries in May 2011. This allowed an assessment team to conduct the annual audit for the Pacific cod, Alaska flatfish and pollock fisheries in the same week, thereby making efficiencies for the clients and the management bodies. Given the success of this approach we are requesting that the same variation apply for this coming year and, unless of unforeseen circumstance, to continue for the remainder of the Pacific cod certification.

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Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)
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Implications for the assessment are considered to be negligible.
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Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)
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The clients and fishery managers are aware. Other stakeholders will be notified.

Further Comments
