

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

Date submitted to MSC	16 th December 2016
Name of CAB	Acoura Marine
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	North Sea Brown Shrimp
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Julian Addison
Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested	7.3.4 and sub clauses
Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?	No

1. Proposed variation	
To submit the Public Comment Draft Report by the 31st January 2017, later than allowed for in CR 2.0	
2. Rationale/Justification	
<p>Further to Acoura's variation request published on the MSC website 31st of October 2016, we would like to request a further extension of the period for submission until 31st of January 2017 at the latest.</p> <p>The initial delay was caused by reasons detailed in the earlier variation (the complexity and volume of information available on this fishery). This further delay is unavoidable and is in part because we will not be able to publish during the last week of December due to MSC closure and in part due to personal issues within the assessment team.</p> <p>It will benefit stakeholders as the 30-day consultation period will not fall across the holiday period and bank holidays and allow for a comprehensive review of an assessment that has already proven very interesting to stakeholder groups.</p> <p>To open the process to the consultation periods for new information will delay the process further and Acoura do not believe that the assessment will be stronger for any new information submitted at this point, particularly as information relating to the fisheries has been incoming since the site visit.</p> <p>Acoura can demonstrate the progress made to the MSC if required.</p>	
3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	
The only implication for the delay is upon the timeline for the assessment, specifically publication of the PCDR. This will not impact on the larger 18-month timeline of the assessment.	
4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	No