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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement 27.22.13 for British

Columbia chum salmon

Dear [Recipient],

I write with reference to your submission on 18 June 2014 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow for a delay in submission of the surveillance report following an on-site audit.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to the timing of surveillance report submission 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:

 Due to the complexity and volume of information received from the client and management agency, the report preparation has taken longer than expected.

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

• Stakeholders are notified of the delay.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact Megan Atcheson the Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery either by email megan.atcheson@gmail.com or phone +44 (0)207 246 8978.

Best regards,

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