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Sent by email

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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement 27.22.13

Dear Sian Morgan,

I write with reference to your submission on 29/01/2014 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to delay further (an additional four weeks) the submission of the surveillance report of for the Canada Scotia-Fundy haddock fishery.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to annual surveillance audit schedule are integral to ensuring all MSC accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) 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:

- The sustainability of the fishery is unaffected by this delay. The fishery client and fisheries agency have requested additional time to review the surveillance report, allowing full integration of comments from the fisheries agency and of results from the client's consultation with MSC.

Given the rationale provided, the MSC is willing to grant a variation to the CR in this case. It should be noted that the MSC is unlikely to accept a third variation request for a further extension.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'David Hoagland'.

Fisheries Oversight Director
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cc: ASI