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Sent by email

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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement v2.2 FCP-7.16.1 for NAFO 3M Flemish Cap cold water prawn

Dear Jodi Bostrom,

I write with reference to your submission on 09/04/2021 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow:

The CAB to vary against the requirement to hold an on-site visit for the initial assessment of this fishery by holding a remote site visit instead.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to v2.2 FCP-7.16.1 state:

The team shall carry out the site visit as planned

These 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 supporting your request, including:

- There are travel restrictions in place, and health risk concerns, relating to COVID-19 for the assessment team, fishery client and stakeholders.
- The assessment team is able to verify information remotely.
- The assessment team is competent in engaging with stakeholders remotely.
- The assessment team has completed a risk assessment and provided mitigation measures.

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

N/A

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery.

Marine Stewardship Council
cc: Assurance Services International