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Sent by email

Date: 26/03/2013

Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement 24.2.2

Dear Chrissie Sieben,

I write with reference to your submission on 25/03/2013 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow delay of submission of the Public Comment Draft Report for the SFSAG saithe fishery until 10 May 2013, which is 21 months after the site visit.

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 factor presented in your letter supporting your request, including:

- Consideration of peer reviewer comments will necessitate revisions by the client to the client action plan.

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

- The PCDR is not delayed beyond the stated date of 10 May. It should be noted that the MSC would not be likely to grant a further variation to this requirement.



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

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Hoopell'.

Fisheries Oversight Director
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cc: ASI