

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

Date submitted to MSC	03/10/2017
Name of CAB	Acoura Marine
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	DFA Dutch North Sea ensis
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Rod Cappell/Billy Hynes
Variation prepared by:	Billy Hynes with Rod Cappell
Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested	GCR V2.1 7.5.6 The CAB shall issue fisheries certificates with a maximum validity period of 5 years from the issue date.
Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?	No

1. Proposed variation	
To extend the certificate of the fishery from the 11 th November 2017 until the 15 th January 2018 or the successful completion of the objection period, whichever comes first.	
2. Rationale/Justification	
<p>This assessment has been delayed in the earlier stages due to health issues in the team. These issues caused a knock-on effect on various assessments but are now resolved with the effect working itself out of the system.</p> <p>The Peer Review Draft Report has been submitted to the Peer Reviewer. Additionally, the nominated Peer Reviewer has limited availability for the first weeks of October causing an additional delay.</p> <p>The additional time requested ensures that the re-assessment is completed without need for further variations.</p> <p>Acoura has no concerns about the certified status of the fishery.</p>	
3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	
This variation will delay recertification with no other impacts.	
4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	No
5. Further Comments	
N/A	