

## Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

<b>Date submitted to MSC</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2017
<b>Name of CAB</b>	SAI Global
<b>Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number</b>	US Acadian redfish, haddock, pollock otter trawl fishery/Fishery Certificate number: F-SAI-022
<b>Lead Auditor/Programme Manager</b>	Géraldine Criquet/Julie McDonald
<b>Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested</b>	FCR 7.23.6.1 CABs may elect to undertake surveillance audits up to 6 months earlier or later than the anniversary date of the certificate.
<b>Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?</b>	No

<b>1. Proposed variation</b>	
Request to be allowed to undertake the surveillance audit 7 months later than the anniversary date of the certificate.	
<b>2. Rationale/Justification</b>	
<p>The fishery was certified on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 so the surveillance audit should be undertaken no later than January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and announced no later than December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The client representative has advised SAIG that changes to the client group membership are taking place and additional time is required to allow this to be completed before the surveillance audit could be announced.</p> <p>The request does not alter the conformity of the US Acadian redfish, haddock and pollock otter trawl fishery with the relevant MSC standard. The sustainability of the fishery is unaffected by this change.</p>	
<b>3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>	
The extension will allow the client to adopt the changes in the client group membership and proceed with the surveillance audit.	
<b>4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>	Not yet. Stakeholders will be notified if the VR is granted.
<b>5. Further Comments</b>	
N/A	