

Marine Stewardship Council

Variation Request Form

This form details the information required from CABs to enable the MSC to consider a request to vary from the Certification Requirements.

Please complete all unshaded fields. Where instructions are included in italics, please delete and replace with the described information.

Once complete, delete this first page of the document, save as a PDF file and send to either:

- The MSC Fishery Assessment Manager assigned to the certified fishery/fishery being assessed, or
- coc@msc.org, if the variation is requested in relation to a CoC requirement.

On receipt, the MSC will consider your request and will usually respond within 14 days.

If your variation request is regarding a fishery requirement, please note that all approved variation request forms and the MSC response to the request will be published on the MSC website with announcements for the fishery.

This does not apply to the optional 'Confidential Information' section on page 3 of this document. If this is not required it can be left blank and deleted from the final completed Variation Request Form sent to the MSC. If used, the information will be used by MSC in considering the variation request but the page with this section will be deleted from the form before it is published.

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Date submitted to MSC	10.10.2013
Conformity Assessment Body	DNV Business Assurance
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	Norway Spring Spawning Herring fishery Certificate No. DNV-NOR-MSC-F-61388-2009 Issued 17 September 2009 (certificate award 30 April 2009) Valid until 29 April 2014
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Sandhya Chaudhury/ Variation is made by Anna Kiseleva on behalf of Sandhya Chaudhury
Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 27.22 Surveillance 2) 27.22.3.1 CABs shall complete the activities corresponding to the designated surveillance level within 12, 24, 36 and 48 months respectively of the date of certificate award. 3) 27.22.13 If the CAB conducts an on-site audit, the CAB shall prepare a public surveillance report as set out in Annex CG and this shall be forwarded to the MSC within thirty days of completing the on-site component of the audit, for publication on the MSC website following agreement by the MSC that it is acceptable for publication
Is this variation sought in order to undertake an expedited P1 assessment (CR annex CL)?	No

1. Proposed variation

Surveillance report will be submitted 31 days after current deadline of 15th October 2013 (on site visit was held in the last week of June 2013, the submission dead-line was extended through the formal variation process till 15th of October).

2. Rationale/Justification

The publication of ICES advice was expected in September 2013, but was delayed till 3rd of October 2013. The new advice indicates that fishing mortality for Atlanto Scandian herring is likely to be higher than agreed in the management plan.

In order to draw a conclusion on whether Norway Spring Spawning Herring fishery still meets the MSC Principles and Criteria for sustainable fishing, the following steps has to be undertaken:

- A meeting needs to be held with the affected CABs for all Atlanto Scandian Herring fisheries involved in the MSC programme, to ensure that scores across Principle 1 and Principle 3 are reviewed and harmonized.
- The surveillance report has to be updated according to harmonisation results

The time period 3rd October – 15th October is not sufficient enough to complete all steps above. The assessment team is therefore seeks a variation to submit the annual surveillance report for the Norway Spring Spawning Herring fishery on 15th of November 2013.

3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

NA

4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

NA

5. Further Comments

Please include any further relevant information.