

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

Date submitted to MSC	14 th February 2018
Name of CAB	SAI Global
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	Scotian Shelf snow crab trap fishery Fishery Certificate number: SAI-F-005
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Géraldine Criquet/Julie McDonald
Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested	FCR 7.23.18 Surveillance report/Expedited Audit Report shall be forwarded to MSC within 60 days of completing the audit for publication on the MSC website.
Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?	No

1. Proposed variation	
Request to forward the expedited audit report to MSC within 90 days (March 15 th , 2018) of the site visit audit completing date.	
2. Rationale/Justification	
SAIG is currently carrying out an expedited audit for the above fishery. A site visit was held on December 14 th -15 th , 2017. The team is currently waiting for additional information related to measures to ensure the fishery does not hinder the recovery of the North Atlantic right whale. Once completed, the expedited audit report will be peer reviewed by an external expert from the Peer Review College before being forwarded to MSC.	
The request does not alter the conformity of the Scotian Shelf snow crab trap fishery with the relevant MSC standard. The sustainability of the fishery is unaffected by this change.	
3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	
The extension will allow the expedited audit to be finalised complying with the FCR.	
4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	Not yet. Stakeholders will be notified if the VR is granted
5. Further Comments	
N/A	