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	05.06.2014		
MSC			
Conformity	Det Norske Veritas Certification AS (DNV GL)		
Assessment Body			
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	Fishery name	Certificate number	Certificate issue date / end date
	Norway North East Arctic cold water prawn	DNV-NOR-MSC-F-112588-2012	March 2012
	Norway North East Arctic cod	DNV-NOR-MSC-F-92584-2011 DNV-NOR-MSC-F-92583-2011 DNV-NOR-MSC-F-92582-2011 DNV-NOR-MSC-F-92579 -2011 DNV-NOR-MSC-F-92585 -2011	April 2010
	Norway North East Arctic haddock	DNV-NOR-MSC-F-92590-2011 DNV-NOR-MSC-F-92589 -2011 DNV-NOR-MSC-F-92587-2011 DNV-NOR-MSC-F-92588-2011 DNV-NOR-MSC-F-95826-2011	April 2010
	Norway North Sea saithe	F-DNV-60011	June 2013
	Norway North East Arctic saithe	F-DNV-60006	June 2013
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Team leader: John Nichols Project manager: Guro Meldre Pedersen		
Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	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

Site visits for surveillance activities for all the mentioned fisheries will be conducted 23.-24. June 2014, coordinated also with the site visit for the reassessment of the Norway North East Arctic cod and haddock fisheries. Surveillance report will be submitted within 4 weeks after current deadline of 30 days after site visit.

2. Rationale/Justification

The sustainability of the fisheries is unaffected by this change. The listed Norwegian fisheries are certified through the client Norges Fiskarlag, and main stakeholders involve the same institutions for all fisheries. The site visits for all relevant surveillance activities have been coordinated to the benefit of the client to reduce strain on stakeholders and to reduce overall costs. The assessment team members for the fisheries involved are overlapping. The delay in reporting will allow the assessment teams sufficient time to process information from the site visit for all fisheries before delivering all the surveillance reports.

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

This variation will not affect the conformity of the fishery to the MSC standard.

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

Stakeholders will be informed if VR is granted.

5. Further Comments