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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement 27.22.13 for US Atlantic Spiny Dogfish

Dear Dr. Mateo,

I write with reference to your submission on 24th December 2014 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow for a delay in submission of the surveillance report.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to timing of report submissions are integral to ensuring all MSC accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies operate in a consistent and transparent manner. The MSC intends that these requirements be met across all fisheries and CoC certificate holders, except in exceptional, well-justified circumstances, as part of the MSC programme.

MSC notes the factors presented in your letter supporting your request, including:

- Additional time is needed to account for the holidays, end of the year and New Year.
- Furthermore the team is expecting additional information important to completing the audit.

Given the rationale provided, the MSC is willing to grant a variation to the CR in this case.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact Megan Atcheson the Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery either by email megan.atcheson@msc.org or phone +44 (0)207 246 8978.

Best regards,



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