

## Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request Form V1.3

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<b>Conformity Assessment Body</b>	Intertek Moody Marine
<b>Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number</b>	North West Atlantic Canada Longline Swordfish Fishery
<b>Lead Auditor/Programme Manager</b>	Amanda Park/Paul Knapman
<b>Scheme requirement(s) to vary from</b>	CR 27.22.3.1
<b>Is this variation sought in order to undertake an expedited P1 assessment (CR annex CL)?</b>	No

### 1. Proposed variation

Intertek Moody Marine proposes to undertake the annual audit for the North West Atlantic Canada Swordfish Longline fishery, certified on April 19, 2012, outside the annual reporting period.

IMM proposes to complete the surveillance audit of the above noted fishery in combination with the third surveillance audit for the North West Atlantic Canada Swordfish Harpoon fishery, and to have both surveillance audits completed by the anniversary date of the harpoon certificate, June 18, 2013.

### 2. Rationale/Justification

The North West Atlantic Canada Longline Swordfish fishery was certified on April 19, 2012. Therefore based on the requirements of CR 27.22.3, activities corresponding with the surveillance audit should be completed by April 19, 2013.

The requested extension of the timing of the completion of surveillance audit activities is to enable Intertek Moody Marine proposes to combine the annual surveillance audit for the above noted fishery with the surveillance audit of the North West Atlantic Harpoon Swordfish fishery (certified June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010). Both fisheries are managed by the same regulatory body, and some fishers involved in the Canadian swordfish harvest, are licenced to participate in both the harpoon and longline fishery. The combination of the surveillance audits will avoid duplication of requests for information from fisheries managers, scientists and clients, therefore minimizing time resources; and will enable some cost sharing between fishery clients.

The intention has been that the surveillance audit site visit would be conducted in late April or May, therefore between the anniversaries of the two certificates, and around the same time that the surveillance audit for the harpoon fishery has been conducted in the past. The anniversary of the harpoon certificate, June 18<sup>th</sup>, was defined as the latest that the audit would be conducted.

It was previously noted that initial planning had commenced for the site visit, and while it is not confirmed, the intent is to conduct the surveillance audit site visit in April 2013. Since the initial variation request was submitted, planning for the surveillance audit has been on-going; and the

surveillance audit site visit has been tentatively scheduled to take place the week of April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The audit team, client group, and individuals involved in the fisheries management and research have confirmed their availability, and dates will be confirmed once a response to the variation request is received.

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

The requested timeline extension has negligible impact on the surveillance audit process. Stakeholders will be notified of the site visit, and have an opportunity to participate, as per MSC requirement. Surveillance audit reports would be submitted within 30 days of the close of the site visit, as required by the MSC.

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

No. Stakeholders have not yet been informed; if the variation is granted, a notification to stakeholders will be provided for publication on the MSC website to notify interested parties of the situation.

### **5. Further Comments**

No additional comments.

### **6. Confidential Information**

No additional information to be provided.

# EXPEDITED PRINCIPLE 1 ASSESSMENT FOR MAIN RETAINED PRINCIPLE 2 STOCKS

<b>7. Main retained Principle 2 stock(s) for which an expedited Principle 1 assessment is sought</b>	<i>Please list the stocks for which an expedited P1 assessment is sought. These must be stocks assessed in the existing certified fishery as 'main retained species'</i>
<b>8. Evaluation of potential impact on Principle 2</b>	
<i>If a P2 species is certified under P1, there could be potential impacts to bycatch, habitat, or ecosystem scoring, depending on any altered persecution of the fishery that may arise. Please provide a discussion of this potential for the specific fishery in question here.</i>	
<b>9. Evaluation of potential impact on Principle 3</b>	
<i>If a P2 species is certified under P1, there could be potential impacts to the scoring of the fishery-specific management system, depending on how specific the initial evaluation of these impacts was to the initial Principle 1 stock(s). Please provide a discussion of this potential for the specific fishery in question here.</i>	
<b>10. Based on the potential impacts identified in 8 and 9, please list any additions to the expedited assessment requirements given in Annex CL that will be necessary to ensure the fishery is accurately assessed against Principles 1, 2, and 3 with the proposed additional P1 stocks.</b>	
<i>These could include rescoring of some P2 and/or P3 performance indicators, additional team member or peer reviewer involvement, etc.</i>	