

# **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](mailto: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.

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

Date submitted to MSC	11.10.2013
Conformity Assessment Body	DNV Business Assurance
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	DPPO Atlanto Scandian Herring fishery Certificate No. DNV-NOR-MSC-F—57716-2009 Issued 17 July 2009
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Anna Kiseleva
Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) 27.22 Surveillance</li> <li>2) 27.22.3.1 CABs shall complete <b>the activities corresponding to the designated surveillance level</b> within 12, 24, 36 and 48 months respectively of the date of certificate award.</li> <li>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</li> </ol>
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 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013 (on site visit was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2013, the submission dead-line was extended through the formal variation process till 15<sup>th</sup> of October).

**2. Rationale/Justification**

The publication of ICES advice was expected in September 2013, but was delayed till 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2013. The new advice indicates that fishing mortality for AS Herring is likely to be higher than agreed in the management plan.

In order to draw a conclusion on whether the DPPO AS 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 3<sup>rd</sup> October – 15<sup>th</sup> 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 DPPO Atlanto-Scandian herring on 15<sup>th</sup> 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.*