

# Lloyd's Register

## Gulf of St Lawrence Northern Shrimp Trawl Fishery

### MSC Variation Request

## 1 Marine Stewardship Council variation request

Table 1 – Variation request

1	Date submitted to MSC
	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
2	CAB
	Lloyd's Register
3	Fishery name and certificate number or CoC certificate number
	Gulf of St Lawrence Northern Shrimp Trawl Fishery - F-LRF-0131
4	Lead auditor or program manager
	Polly Burns
5	Request prepared by
	Polly Burns
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	GCR V2.3 7.5.6 The CAB shall issue fishery certificates with a maximum validity period of 5 years from the issue date.
7	How many times has a variation for this requirement been accepted for the same assessment of the same fishery?
	This is the second variation request that has been submitted to extend the certificate, with the first extending the expiry date from the 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 to the 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2019, an extension of 3 months – accepted on 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019.

Table 1 – Variation justification

1	Proposed variation	
	LR propose to extend the certificate from 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 to 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2019, an extension of 3 months.	
2	Additional time requested	
	Original deadline date	16 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
	Modified deadline date requested	17 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
	Length of additional time requested	3 months (+additional 3 months previously accepted)
3	Justification	
	<p>This fishery entered assessment on the 19th April 2018. This fishery has moved from V1.3 certification requirements to V2.0 certification requirements. This has had implications for the level of information that is required for the assessment and as such, the client is preparing additional information to support the scoring against V2.0.</p> <p>The client is responsible for this fishery and the <a href="#">Canada Scotian Shelf Northern Prawn trawl</a> fishery which is also undergoing reassessment on similar timelines. This fishery has also been delayed by pulling together necessary information, and was focussed on first in order to lay the ground work and serve as a template for the Gulf of St Lawrence fishery which has now been resolved but the client representative is now focussing on the GSL fishery – and for this fishery the client is having to work with 4 different client member groups across a 3 provinces, two languages, and a wider number of processors and fleet representatives. This fishery is therefore on a further delayed timeline.</p> <p>As such the reassessment will not be complete before the certificate expires. LR would like to request an extension to the certificate until September 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 to allow the final steps of the reassessment to conclude (the 17<sup>th</sup> rather than the 16<sup>th</sup> has been chosen as the 16<sup>th</sup> falls on a non-business day).</p> <p>There are no sustainability consequences for the fishery by the acceptance of this request, and LR are not aware of any risks to the eligibility of the certificate. The fishery is currently assessed against V1.3 and is being reassessed against V2.0 so the information required does not affect the outcome of the current certificate.</p>	
4	If a fishery assessment, implications for assessment	
	None. The assessment has already exceeded the 9 month deadline for the publication of the PCDR, and a new stakeholder comment period was therefore opened.	
5	If a fishery assessment, mitigation of the implication for assessment	
	N/A	
6	If a fishery assessment, how many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?	
	Not relevant.	
7	What is the status of the current assessment?	
	The team have produced a draft report, which will be finalised when the pending information has been received. Peer review is expected to take place in late June.	

8	Further comments
	None thank you.
9	If applicable, additional information added after MSC's request
	<p><b>Updated 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019:</b></p> <p><b>The initial determination from the MSC has been that information is not sufficient on:</b></p> <p><b>Current activities that require more time;</b></p> <p>The initial scoring of the fishery has shown that the fishery does not currently have move on rules that satisfy the SG60 of 2.4.2a. The fishery is therefore attempting to put move on rules in place. As described above, putting in 'commonly accepted move on rules' (as required for SG60 requires a considerable effort and coordination across 4 different client member groups across a 3 provinces, two languages, and a wider number of processors and fleet representatives. As also stated above, the client representative is also responsible for the Scotian shelf prawn fishery, which has had move on rules implemented and will serve as a template for implementing rules for this fishery.</p> <p><b>Confirming robustly that there are no sustainability consequences for the fishery and how the CAB are aware of this; and,</b></p> <p>Move on rules are required under V2.0 of the standard, and not V1.3 which the fishery is currently certified against. We know the fishery has no other issues that would impact the sustainability of the current certificate as draft scoring has been completed, pending a final scoring meeting once the client has confirmed the status of move on rules.</p> <p>- <b>That the goals are achievable within the 3-month request and that no subsequent variations would be needed (Also noting the 18-month deadline).</b></p> <p>LR hope that the goals are achievable within the 3 month request, but given timescales of the process they may not be. This timescale was chosen given a 3 month extension has already been granted, and that we are sure the PCDR will be published in this time ensuring the eligibility date can be set to allow product caught in between publication of PCDR and re-certification to be sold as MSC certified once re-certified (if the outcome). The 18 month deadline for this fishery is the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019, and again we expect the final report to be published within that timeframe. No further variation requests are expected.</p>

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