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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement 27.4.3 and request to enact Annex CL in CRv1.3 for the Annette Island Reserve Salmon Fishery.

Dear Adrienne Vincent,

I write with reference to your submission on 11/3/2013 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to redefine the Unit of Certification for sockeye and to then conduct an expedited P1 Assessment according to Annex CL in CRv1.3.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to the definition of the UoC 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:

- There are two distinct sockeye runs that are geographically separated and no mixing or straying from one system to the other is known to occur.
- The evaluation is not anticipated to have any bearing on the outcome of the surveillance audit nor compromise compliance with the MSC requirements by the fisheries that prosecute other salmon species and were MSC certified in June 2011.

MSC notes that the revision to the UoC will provide greater resolution in scoring (by examining the two sockeye stocks separately) and does not represent any expansion in the fishery. Given the rationale provided, the MSC is willing to grant a variation to the CR in this case subject to the following conditions:

- A stakeholder notification explaining the next steps shall be provided for posting on the MSC website.
- In the report, provide updated tracking and traceability information to account for the addition of sockeye to the certification. This shall include traceability mechanisms and subsequent surveillance mechanisms that ensure sockeye from the Tamgas Creek run do not carry the ecolabel.

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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