

DNV GL Business Assurance Norway AS

West Greenland offshore Greenland halibut fishery – scope extension (longline)

MSC Variation Request

1 Marine Stewardship Council variation request

Table 1 – Variation request

1	Date submitted to the MSC
	25.10.2019
2	CAB
	DNV-GL Business Assurance Norway AS
3	Fishery name and certificate number or CoC certificate number
	West Greenland offshore Greenland halibut fishery – scope extension (gear longline/ vessel Masilik) / MSC-F-31311 valid from 22.05.2017 to 21 May 2022.
4	Lead auditor
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5	Request prepared by
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6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	7.8 Determination of eligibility dates 7.8.1 The CAB shall nominate a date from which product from a certified fishery is eligible to be sold as MSC certified or bear the MSC ecolabel (the eligibility date). 7.8.1.1 The date shall be any nominated date on or between the publication date of the first Public Comment Draft Report and the certification date
7	How many times has a variation for this requirement been accepted for the same assessment of the same fishery?
	None

Table 2 – Variation justification

1	Proposed variation
	Eligibility date to be set for: 1. the beginning of the fishing season for 2019 – 31st July 2019 . The client contract was signed on 20 June 2019 and the ACDR published on 12.08.2019. The PCDR is scheduled for mid-January 2020 and PCR for mid- May 2020. <u>OR</u> 2. the date of announcement of the scope extension – 12th August 2019 <u>OR</u> 3. the date of submission of the VR – 20th August 2019

2	Additional time requested	
	Original deadline date	NA
	Modified deadline date requested	NA
	Length of additional time requested	NA
3	Justification	

The client desires to sell the fishery products caught in the 2019 season as certified once the scope extension is certified but are caught before this date.

The fishery is already certified for bottom trawl. The fishery does not use any other gear than the 2 gears in this assessment - original UoC (bottom trawl) and the scope extension (longline).

All aspects of traceability are the same for both gears and are therefore, already in place. There are no risks of mixing or substitution between certified and non-certified fish. The fish are labelled on board the vessels and landed at specified landing points (as specified in the PCR). The landing points subject to MSC Chain of Custody certification which ensures handling and traceability of under- assessment fish.

Traceability in this fishery is summarised as:

- Vessel types: trawlers & longliners
- There are 4 vessels in the trawl fishery and 1 in the longline fishery. Vessels do not have more than 1 gear.
- All vessels are >9.4 m and are therefore obligated to have logbooks with information on vessel, fishing activity, catch and landing
- Vessels in this certification must hold license issued by the Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture. These licences are fishery specific and area specific, state conditions for how many nets can be used per license, related fishing timelines, reporting obligations and landing obligation for target species and bycatch.
- All the vessels in this fishery are obligated to have VMS so there is full control of fishing area.
- Processing on board: Big fish are gutted and headed with J cut. The catch is sorted for species and packed frozen in 13kg. blocks and labelled on board with information about catch date (catch date is the same as freezing date), species, product, vessel id & catch area – see example of label below. There is no traceability risk to on-board processing as the entire catch of the target species will be certified.

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	Quick-frozen Greenland Halibut J-cut		
	Мороженое Гренландский палтус, косой срез		
	冷冻 格陵兰比目鱼斜切		
	Keep frozen at or below -18°C / 零下18° 以下冷冻		

0 IFST Caught and quick frozen at sea / 海上捕捞及冷冻
 Product of Greenland / 格陵兰产品 / Продукт Гренландии
 目的地 中华人民共和国
 Reinhardtius hippoglossoides

FAO 21
 Northwest Atlantic

Size / PAЗMEP / 规格: 5kg+/公斤/KГ Net weight app / Вес Нетто / 净重: 16, 50 kg/公斤/KГ

M/TR / Название предприятия / 捕捞船只: **Sisimiut** Frozen on / Заморожен на / 冷冻日期: **12-09-2019**

AUT no/Номер предприятия / 生产加工企业注册号: **GL425** Best before/Срок годности / 最佳食用期限: **01-09-2021**

Batch no. / Партия / 批次号: **1601910006**



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All products are owned by the owner of the single longline vessel involved in this scope extension/variation request. The owner is Royal Greenland which is part of the client group - Sustainable Fisheries Greenland. The under- assessment products are stored under the ownership of Royal Greenland in their plant in Qasigianguit, Greenland or in their standard storage facility Agri Nordcold, Denmark and will remain there until they achieve certified status dependant on the eligibility date. The products fished in August 2019 is registered in Royal Greenland's SAP system, blocked as under assessment and cannot be sold or delivered to any customer before it is released after the scope extension is certified. Products are stored separately so that they are easily identifiable upon inspection. Reporting of under assessment fish follows the normal procedures of weekly reporting of catch to GFLK.

Under assessment product will change ownership when sold from the storage after certification. There is no tampering of the product/packaging during storage or at sale – it is a clear box-in/box-out operation.

Products are labelled with and stored according to catch date and trip number. Product storage on vessels are subject to Greenland regulations specifying how the catches must be stored on board the vessels – ref. Government of Greenland executive order no. 18 of 9 December 2010 on control with offshore fisheries – § 11. <http://lovgivning.gl/lov?rid={8EC0C382-4157-4543-AEE1-E83AB40CABEE}>.

Products caught after the eligibility date, but before the certificate date, will be sold as MSC product to the CoC holder once the scope extension is certified will catch date and trip number already on the labels.

There is no risk of mixing UoC with non-UoC products on-board the longline vessel Masilik (the only vessel involved in this scope extension /VR. The vessel only uses one single license at a time (per trip). This means that all of "MASILIKS" long line catches of Greenland halibut are within the UoC. There are no other catches on the vessel besides possible bycatches of other species.

4	If a fishery assessment, implications for assessment
	There are no impacts on the scope extension assessment or the present certificate.
5	If a fishery assessment, mitigation of the implications for assessment
	NA
6	If a fishery assessment, how many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?
	The original assessment has 4 conditions and 1 recommendation but these are not affected by this variation request.
7	What is the status of the current assessment or audit?
	The scope extension has been announced on 12.08.2019 and site visit was on 12 th & 13 th of September 2019.
8	Further comments
	NA
9	If applicable, additional information added after the MSC's request

2 Template information and copyright

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2.1	04 October 2016	Updated contact information
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