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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement v2.2 FCP-7.28.23 for NFA Norway ling & tusk and NFA Norway lumpfish

Dear Sandhya Chaudhury,

I write with reference to your submission on 03/02/2021 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow:

MSC FCP v 2.2 in the mentioned clauses requires a 60- day deadline from the end of the site visit for the publication of the surveillance report which is extended to 90 days in case the CAP has to be revised. DNV GL requests a further extension of 30 days, with the new deadlines as 19.05.2022 and 19.06.20211 respectively.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to v2.2 FCP-7.28.23 state:

The CAB shall upload the Surveillance Report to the MSC database within 60 days of completing the audit for publication on the MSC website

These 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 supporting your request, including:

- The surveillance audits of 5 fisheries have been integrated for the client NORGES FISKARLAG to minimise the inputs required from management agencies and stakeholders.
- DNV GL believes that the one month extension will facilitate the time required to finalise and approve the reports before publishing.

Given the rationale provided, the MSC is willing to grant a variation to the CR in this case subject to the following conditions:

- The report shall be submitted no later than 19 May 2021. If the client has revised the CAP following surveillance, the report shall be submitted no later than 19 June 2021.
- The CAB shall include in the surveillance report section 6.3 'Revised surveillance program' to include the revised timing for the remainder of the certificate demonstrating how FCPv2.2 7.28.9 will be met.
- When requested by MSC, the CAB can confirm that it is not aware at this time of any factor (related to either fishery status, or performance against conditions) that could result in the fishery no longer being in compliance with the MSC Fisheries Standard.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery.

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