

# **Lloyd's Register**

## **Japanese Pole and Line skipjack and albacore fishery**

### **MSC Variation Request**

## 1 Marine Stewardship Council variation request

**Table 1 – Variation request**

1	Date submitted to MSC
	- Please note the MSC will usually respond within 14 days, but for complex variations, longer may be necessary. The MSC will keep you informed if it will take longer than 14 days.
	9 <sup>th</sup> July 2019
2	CAB
	Lloyd's Register (LR)
3	Fishery name and certificate number or CoC certificate number
	Japanese Pole and Line skipjack and albacore fishery
4	Lead auditor or program manager
	Polly Burns
5	Request prepared by
	Polly Burns
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	7.28.14.6 The CAB shall upload the Surveillance Announcement to the MSC database for publication on the MSC website at least 30 days before the surveillance audit activities are carried out.
7	How many times has a variation for this requirement been accepted for the same assessment of the same fishery?
	- e.g. Fill in 2 <sup>nd</sup> if a previous extension request on the 60 days requirement for surveillance reports has been accepted, and this request is for an additional time extension on top of that.
	<b>1<sup>st</sup> VR</b>

**Table 1 – Variation justification**

1	Proposed variation	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please describe how the CAB proposes to vary from the requirement including, where required, any original deadline date, the length of additional time requested and the exact modified deadline date.</li> </ul>	
	<p>Due to illness, one of the original team members is not available to go onsite. LR propose to use a new auditor to attend the site visit, without moving the date of the site visit so the notice of the auditors will not have been available for 30 days ahead of the site visit.</p>	
2	Additional time requested	
	Original deadline date	N/A
	Modified deadline date requested	N/A
	Length of additional time requested	N/A
3	Justification	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please explain in detail why the variation is requested and why the change is necessary. This helps the MSC decide whether the variation request should be granted.</li> </ul>	
	<p>The team for the Japanese pole and line skipjack and albacore tuna fishery was announced on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019, with Jo Akroyd onsite and Kevin McLoughlin operating remotely at the site visit during the week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> July. Unfortunately due to illness, Jo will not be able to participate at the site visit. LR have found a suitable replacement for Jo to be onsite – Johanna Pierre has the local knowledge, language and competency, which is summarised below:</p> <p>“Johanna Pierre has more than 15 years’ experience working on commercial fisheries, and their impacts, in marine and freshwater environments. Her work includes fisheries management, regulation and monitoring, sustainability assessments, audits and evaluations of environmental performance. She also works on management and policy that contributes to reducing the environmental effects of fishing. Johanna has worked with government, academia, non-profit organisations and industry. She has a Ph.D. in environmental biology and ecology (University of Alberta, Canada), a B.Sc.(Hons) (University of Canterbury, New Zealand), and completed post-doctoral studies at the University of Tokyo (Japan). Johanna has since worked with Japanese colleagues in a variety of other contexts, including RFMOs, science diplomacy, facilitating visits of Japanese scientists for NZ government agencies, and conducting a CCSBT audit of performance requirements in the Japanese bluefin tuna fishery. Johanna is upper intermediate in Japanese language skills. Johanna is a certified MSC fishery team member, Chain of Custody auditor, and is trained in the use of the Risk-Based Framework. She is also a member of the MSC Peer Review College. Johanna has been involved in the assessment and peer review of trawl (e.g. New Zealand hoki, hake, southern blue whiting, ling) and longline fisheries (e.g. Ross Sea toothfish, SARPC toothfish, New Zealand ling) and pre-assessments of purse seine and pelagic and demersal longline fisheries.”</p> <p>Johanna will be the P2/P3 assessor, as well as the team leader for the fishery. Kevin McLoughlin will still be on the assessment team, bringing specific fishery continuity, with all relevant documents relating to the fishery available through LR.</p> <p>All of the other factors relating to the surveillance previously announced remain the same and LR consider there to be no risk to the robustness of the audit. LR have made the decision to maintain the original site visit date, given that all parties involved in the site visit have scheduled time to participate, and delaying the site visit could pose a greater risk to ensuring the MSC process and requirements are met. LR are also confident in the replacement we have found to ensure the audit continues as planned and to the original timeline presented. We will notify stakeholders as soon as this request has been responded to of the change to the team member and offer the opportunity for stakeholders to discuss any concerns.</p>	

4	If a fishery assessment, implications for assessment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Please include any impacts on the assessment/certificate if the request is accepted referencing any other requirements which may be affected, and the risks these implications could have.</li> <li>- e.g. Timeline delays, stakeholder input</li> </ul>
	None.
5	If a fishery assessment, mitigation of the implication for assessment
	Please include information how risks of the implications for the assessment that have been identified under the previous question are proposed to be mitigated by the CAB.
	N/A
6	If a fishery assessment, how many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?
	Four open conditions – no impact on their progress but allowing the audit to continue on previously arranged timescales will permit timely checking of the client's progress.
7	What is the status of the current assessment?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Please include the latest version and timing of the report that has been prepared, and an indication when the next report is expected (e.g. the Client and Peer Review Draft Report has been sent to the client and the peer reviewers on 7 June 2018. The Public Comment Draft Report is expected to be ready on 1 September 2018).</li> </ul>
	<b>Certified fishery – surveillance 1 due.</b>
8	Further comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Please include any further relevant information.</li> </ul>
	<b>If the MSC would like further information relating to this request then please contact Polly Burns at Lloyd's Register.</b>
9	If applicable, additional information added after MSC's request

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2.0	08 October 2014	Updates in line with release of Fisheries Certification Requirements v2.0
2.1	04 October 2016	Updated contact information
3.0	17 December 2018	Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.1

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