

## Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request Form V1.3

<b>Date submitted to MSC</b>	<i>5 August 2014</i>
<b>Conformity Assessment Body</b>	<i>SCS Global Services</i>
<b>Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number</b>	<i>Canada Pacific halibut (British Columbia)</i>
<b>Lead Auditor/Programme Manager</b>	<i>Dr. Sian Morgan</i>
<b>Scheme requirement(s) to vary from</b>	<i>7.5.9</i>
<b>Is this variation sought in order to undertake an expedited P1 assessment (CR annex CL)?</b>	<i>No</i>

### 1. Proposed variation

*Request of 5 month extension of Fisheries Certificate expiry (from 29 September to 28 February 2015)*

### 2. Rationale/Justification

*The extension will allow for additional time for an additional stakeholder consultation prior to the Public Comment Draft Report (PCDR) and team member response to PCDR comments. The additional stakeholder consultation period will run until 12 September 2014. A 5 month extension is requested past the expiry of the initial certification date to be sure that a lapse in certification does not occur in the midst of the active fishery ending 7 November 2014 and to allow for ample time for stakeholder concerns to be adequately addressed by the assessment team before making a certification recommendation.*

### 3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

*Improvement. The extension will give stakeholders that are active in the fishery time to incorporate the 2014 fishing season into their comments for the re-assessment results.*

### 4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

*Yes. Stakeholders are notified that there is an additional stakeholder consultation period and that SCS has requested an extension of the certificate expiry date by MSC posting and direct email.*

### 5. Further Comments

*SCS is open to stakeholder comments from all sectors of the fishery and other interested parties.*

**6. Confidential Information**

*We are aiming to have the project completed by the end of December (timeline remains current), but in case there is a delay, we are asking for an extension to the end of February to be exceedingly sure that we meet the deadline.*