

## Marine Stewardship Council

### Variation Request Form v1.3

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Date submitted to MSC	9 <sup>th</sup> July 2015
Conformity Assessment Body	SAI Global
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	Canada Scotia-Fundy Haddock Fishery
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Ivan Mateo
Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	CR24.2.3 CR24.2.3.3abc
Is this variation sought in order to undertake an expedited P1 assessment (CR annex CL)?	No

#### 1. Proposed variation

Request to allow additional time to submit PCDR.

The assessment team request MSC a variation on the date of the PCDR posting originally scheduled for August , 2015 to November 2015

Request to still use the MSC 1.3 for continuing assessment of the fishery.

#### 2. Rationale/Justification

The assessment team has received new information from management authorities and the client for evaluating Principle 2. The assessment team is currently reviewing information that will be included in the preliminary client draft report. The assessment is scheduling to send this draft report to the client at the end of July. According to MSC CR 27.13.2.3, a period up to 30 days will be made available for the client to consider the report and respond to it.

In addition, it has been found that there are existing overlapping fisheries between the Scotia Fundy Haddock trawl fisheries in Eastern Georges Bank (5zjm) and the US Acadian Redfish/Pollock/Haddock otter trawl fisheries. Under MSC 1.3, it is required for both assessment teams to harmonize scoring, and milestones for elements (Species) that would fall under P1 and P2 evaluation. Both fisheries are under current assessment using MSC CR v1.3. For the haddock MSC assessment the assessment team is reviewing the new data and writing the preliminary client draft report. For the US Acadian Redfish/Pollock/Haddock a draft of the report was sent to the client in June 21. Client has to send any comments by July 21.

We request that the fishery be able to remain on v1.3 as it will be easier for the team to comply with harmonization requirements.

This request does not alter the conformity of the applicant or the certificate holder.

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

If the request is accepted, SAI Global propose to provide the MSC with a statement for posting on the MSC website requesting, for a period of 30 days, stakeholder submission of any new information relating to the fishery that the team should consider in the assessment of the fishery. The PCDR will be published 12 months after the site visit rather than within 9 months, and the fishery will remain under MSC CR v1.3.

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

Stakeholders will be notified when both VR and MSC's response to the VR are published.

#### 5. Further Comments

N/A

#### 6. Confidential Information

N/A

### EXPEDITED PRINCIPLE 1 ASSESSMENT FOR MAIN RETAINED PRINCIPLE 2 STOCKS

#### 7. Main retained Principle 2 stock(s) for which an expedited Principle 1 assessment is sought

*Please list the stocks for which an expedited P1 assessment is sought. These must be stocks assessed in the existing certified fishery as 'main retained species'*

#### 8. Evaluation of potential impact on Principle 2

N/A

#### 9. Evaluation of potential impact on Principle 3

N/A

#### 10. Based on the potential impacts identified in 8 and 9, please list any additions to the expedited assessment requirements given in Annex CL that will be necessary to ensure the fishery is accurately assessed against Principles 1, 2, and 3 with the proposed additional P1 stocks.

N/A