



DNV GL

**Norway spring spawning herring
MSC Variation Request**

1 Marine Stewardship Council variation request

Table 1 – Variation request

1	Date submitted to MSC
	2019-03-13
2	CAB
	DNV GL Business Assurance
3	Fishery name and certificate number or CoC certificate number
	Norway spring spawning herring, MSC-F-61388
4	Lead auditor or program manager
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6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	MSC General Certification Requirements v2.3: 7.5.6 The CAB shall issue fishery certificates with a maximum validity period of 5 years from the issue 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
	The validity of the certificate to be extended by 6 months.
2	Additional time requested
	Original deadline date 29 Jul 2019
	Modified deadline date requested 29 Jan 2020
	Length of additional time requested 6 months
3	Justification
	<p>The Norway spring spawning herring certificate currently includes Norway blue whiting (NBW). The client would like to move the NBW fishery to the Norway sandeel, pout and north sea sprat fishery, certificate nr. F-DNV-251453 valid from 23.02.2018 to 22.02.2023.</p> <p>Annex PE (defining the minimum assessment requirements necessary for a scope extension requires following the process (PE1.2.3.3) as described in FCP Section 7.9, Section 7.17 and Section 7.18; the timelines (PE1.2.3.4) as set out in FCP 7.13.1, 7.20.1 and 7.22.1 and reporting (PE1.3.1) as outlined in FCP Section 7.10 and Sections 7.19-7.24.</p> <p>These requirements do not allow the scope extension to be completed by the time of the expiry of the existing certificate number MSC-F-61388 (Norway spring spawning herring), which is 29th July 2019.</p> <p>To allow for the scope extension assessment to be completed while the NBW fishery is still certified, DNV GL request a variation regarding the extension of the certificate.</p> <p>It is worth noting that both the Norway Spring spawningherring and NBW have undergone a series of assessments lately (see point 5 for details).</p>
4	If a fishery assessment, implications for assessment
	<p>The implications for the fishery are not considered material to the sustainability of the fishery. The relevant implications are</p> <p>For Norway spring spawning herring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The re- assessment of the Norway Spring Spawning herring fishery is in process and on- site visit has been conducted on 16th and 17th October 2018) - The date of publishing the Public Certification report for Norway Spring Spawning herring will be postponed by 6 months to 29th January 2020. - The date of re- issue of the certificate will be postponed by 6 months. <p>For Norway blue whiting (NBW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The NBW will be included in the Norway sandeel, pout and sprat certificate by 29 Jan 2020
5	If a fishery assessment, mitigation of the implication for assessment
	<p>For Norway spring spawning herring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The re- assessment process is on schedule with the Client Review Draft report is being finalised for the Peer Review Draft report and stakeholders will be consulted as initially planned. - The publication of the Public Certification report will be postponed by 6 months to 29th January 2020.

	<p>For Norway blue whiting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The fishery is thoroughly assessed and there is no risk that the scope extension will lead to the fishery not being under assessment at regular intervals. In fact, this fishery will by 29 Jan 2020 be assessed more frequent and more in depth, than if the scope extension had not taken place. This is supported by the following: - 02.jan 2018: PCR for scope extension of NBW published - 31.jan 2019: Surveillance report published for NRW and Norway spring spawning herring - March 2019: Announcement Comment Draft Report to be prepared and published. - January 2020: NBW will be included in Norway sandeel pout and sprat fishery certificate and will be included in the surveillance audit of the same. <p>Given the above, we consider that the sustainability of the fisheries involved not to be affected.</p>
6	<p>If a fishery assessment, how many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?</p>
	<p>For Norway spring spawning herring: 3 conditions Progress of conditions will not be affected, as the assessment in itself will not be delayed and the client is required to implement the action plans irrespective of the proposed extension of the validity of the certificate. Progress of conditions was reviewed in the recent surveillance audit, published 31. Jan 2019</p> <p>For Norway blue whiting: 5 conditions Progress of conditions will not be affected and was reviewed in the recent surveillance audit, published 31. Jan 2019.</p>
7	<p>What is the status of the current assessment?</p>
	<p>Re- assessment of the Norway spring spawning herring fishery (without the Blue whiting fishery) is in progress and in accordance to published timeline. PCDR is expected to be published by 30/04/19</p>
8	<p>Further comments</p>
	<p>For the re-assessment of the Norway Spring Spawning herring fishery the PCR will be published approximately 6 months after the Final Report.</p>
9	<p>If applicable, additional information added after MSC's request</p>

2 Template information and copyright

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