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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC scheme requirement FCMv6 Section 6.8.2

Dear Jo Akroyd,

I write with reference to your submission on 20/01/2011 of a request for variation to the MSC scheme requirement to allow a delay in submitting the report from the New Zealand Hoki fishery's third surveillance.

As you are aware, the FCM procedures relating to the requirement for the surveillance report to be submitted within 30 days of the completed audit are integral to ensuring all MSC accredited certification 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 scheme.

MSC notes the factors presented in your letter supporting your request, including:

- Delay based on request from stakeholder group
- Stakeholder input may affect final surveillance report

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maylynn Nunn'.

Maylynn Nunn
Senior Fishery Certification Manager (Acting)
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cc: ASI