

Marine Stewardship Council

Variation Request Form

This form details the information required from CABs to enable the MSC to consider a request to vary from their scheme requirements.

Please complete all unshaded fields. Where instructions are included in italics, please delete and replace with the described information.

Once complete, save and attach to an email to the MSC Fishery Assessment Manager assigned to the fishery being assessed or send to coc@msc.org if the variation is regarding a CoC requirement.

On receipt, the MSC will consider your request and will usually respond within 10 days.

If your variation request is regarding a fishery requirement, please note that all variation requests and the MSC response to the request will be published on the MSC website with announcements for the fishery.

Certification Body	Intertek Moody Marine Limited
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	Oregon Pink Shrimp
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Amanda Park / Paul Knapman
Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	FCMv6 Section 6.1, 6.2

Proposed variation
To conduct the fourth annual audit after the anniversary date of the certificate. Rather than taking place by December 6, the 4 th surveillance audit will take place in early 2012 to coincide with the re-certification site visit for the fishery.

Rationale/Justification
A variation has been accepted by the MSC to allow for the combination of the 4 th surveillance audit and the recertification site visit. However, the variation was granted with the following condition <i>"The combined site visit for the 4th surveillance audit and re-assessment be conducted within the timelines for the original surveillance schedule, that is, by the 4th anniversary of the certification of the fishery (6th December 2011)."</i> (MSC letter to IMML, dated 23 rd September 2011).
As discussed with MSC representatives on September 30, 2011, upon receipt of the response to the variation request Intertek Moody Marine reviewed the assessment timeline in relation to the requirements for announcing and conducting a recertification audit, and determined it was not possible to meet the December 6 th deadline, if all steps are followed and all announcements are posted

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for the appropriate length of time.

If the announcement of the recertification was to be posted immediately (Monday, October 3, 2011), the earliest the site visit could be conducted is December 20th, providing no delays in addressing concerns related to the proposed team members and assessment tree. As you can appreciate that would be a difficult time of year in relation to team, client, and stakeholder availability. Therefore, to ensure effective stakeholder involvement, and based upon the known availability of individuals involved at this time, we requested that the condition is revised to allow for the site visit to be conducted after the anniversary date of the certificate (December 6). As discussed, based on current availability of those involved, it is possible that the audit could be conducted early in January 2012. However, recognizing that availabilities do change, and allowing for any concerns that may be raised during the consultation on the proposed team or tree, as agreed the on-site visit for the 4th surveillance audit and recertification audit would commence prior to the end of January 2012.

Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

While conducting the surveillance audit visit after the anniversary date of the certification of the fishery does require a variation from the MSC requirements, in this instance it is not apparent that there are significant implications for the assessment. Based upon the announcement requirements in place by the MSC related to the recertification audit, availability of individuals involved, and the time of year; delaying the audit will ensure appropriate time to conduct all steps of the MSC process and effective stakeholder consultation.

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

No.

Further Comments

1. *Please see attached communications from MSC on this matter.*
2. *The client has signed a contract to proceed with the recertification.*