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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC methodology to allow a departure from the prescribed procedure for surveillance timing



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Dear Julian,

I write with reference to your submission on 24 October 2011 of a request for variation to the MSC certification methodology to allow a delay in submitting the report from the Pacific hake mid-water trawl fishery second 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:

- Necessary information for the report was received on 11 October 2011, over two weeks after the end of the site visit (20-23 September 2011)
- The extension will allow sufficient time for the team to complete report preparation and for the client to review.

Given the rationale provided, the MSC is willing to grant a variation to the methodology in this case, on condition that the report is provided to the MSC by 14 November 2011 as proposed.

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 'Daniel Hoggarth'.

Dr Daniel Hoggarth
Marine Stewardship Council
cc: ASI