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Prohibited Species List

Dear Director General,

On 4th October 2017 we wrote to you on the use of the prohibited species list and the conditions that should apply to the listing of species on this article in the TAC & Quota regulation to prevent misuse of the list. We sent an update to this advice in January 2018 to which we received an oral response from the Commission.

We understand that looking towards the full implementation of the Landing Obligation the Commission has chosen to keep “all options open” and does not want to restrain the use of a possible flexibility measure.

However, we would like to continue the discussion on this issue. As part of this we ask you to inform us if you plan on proposing a prohibited listing for species or stocks to the December Council this year. We also kindly request a meeting between yourself and delegates of the North Sea AC in the near future in order to discuss the use of the list.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Niels Wichmann'.

Niels Wichmann
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