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Mr Niels Wichmann
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Subject: NSAC Response to Joint Recommendation on the Technical Measures in the Skagerrak from the Scheveningen Regional Group

Dear Mr Wichmann,

I would like to thank you for the NSAC advice dated 21 March 2019 concerning the Joint Recommendation on Technical Measures in the Skagerrak provided by the Scheveningen Regional Group.

I am very pleased to hear that the North Sea AC reached a consensus advice on this Joint Recommendation, that was approved on the 13th March 2019.

In terms of process, the next step is that the Commission will send this Joint Recommendation to STECF for an assessment. Once we have received the STECF assessment and provided it is positive, the Commission will put the measures included in the joint recommendation in a delegated act. This delegated act will then be sent to the Council and the European Parliament for a two-months scrutiny period.

Let me thank you for this advice, and stress that the Commission very much welcomes the active participation of the North Sea Advisory Council in the policy development in the North Sea.

I am looking forward to our continued cooperation and invite you to take contact with Ms Pascale Colson, coordinator of the ACs (Pascale.Colson@ec.europa.eu; +32 2 29 56273), should you have any question on this reply.

Yours sincerely,

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