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Dear Dr Steele,

Subject: Report on evaluation of compliance with the Landing Obligation in the North Western Waters

The North Western Waters Advisory Council (NWWAC) appreciates that the regional groups are currently reviewing the report on evaluation of the compliance with the landing obligation in the North Western Waters. The NWWAC also acknowledges the intention of EFCA to organise, together with the NWW Control Expert Group, a meeting on the topic involving the AC following the publication of the report.

We assume that, to ensure full transparency and good corporate governance and to enable meaningful discussions on the findings of the evaluation, the report will be published in its entirety not just a summary as happened previously, including details on the methodologies used. The report should be published in its entirety or not at all.

When the report is released, the NWWAC is more than willing to cooperate with EFCA to discuss the findings of the evaluation.

We thank you for your attention on these matters and look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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