



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

Brussels,
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Dear Mr Brouckaert,

Thank you for the letter of 28 April 2023 regarding the NWWAC/NSAC joint advice on seabass management for 2021 (Advice Ref. 01-2122 published on 05 November 2021), and seeking confirmation that both the EU and the UK would introduce catch reporting for commercial shore-based netting activities, as stated under point 13 f) ii) of the “*Written record of fisheries consultations between the United Kingdom and the European Union for 2021*”.

The Commission can inform that we have already engaged with the UK on this issue, including at the last meeting of the Specialised Committee on Fisheries (SCF) held on 27 June 2023. The matter will be discussed also at the next working group of the SCF, alongside the reply from ICES on our joint request on the improvement of the seabass tool. As is the usual process for SCF related issues, any updated information on this subject will be reported at the next meeting of the Inter-AC Brexit Forum.

Finally, I reiterate my appreciation for our continued engagement and fruitful cooperation on relevant subjects for the NWWAC. Should you have any questions on this reply, please contact Mr Paulo Vasconcelos (Paulo.VASCONCELOS@ec.europa.eu) or Ms Julia Rubeck, coordinator for the Advisory Councils via the functional mailbox (MARE-AC@ec.europa.eu).

Yours sincerely,

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