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To Mr Bernhard Friess

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in cc: High Level Group of the North-Western Waters

Subject: The Commission's requests on the revised North-Western Waters group's joint recommendation

Dear Bernhard,

Thank you for your letter dated 26th July 2019 with the Commission's comments on the revised joint recommendation from the North-Western Waters group regarding the amendment to the discard plan for the demersal fisheries in the North-Western Waters.

On behalf of the NWW group, I have the honour of transmitting to you a second revised Joint Recommendation for the amendment of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/2034 of 18 October 2018 establishing a discard plan for certain demersal fisheries in North-Western waters for the period 2019-2021.

The North-Western Waters group wants to withdraw formally the demand for a de minimis for following stocks and metiers:

- cod caught by vessels using bottom trawls, seines and beam trawls with mesh size greater or equal to 80mm in ICES-division VIIb-c and VIIe-k
- cod caught by vessels using bottom trawls with a mesh size up to 119 mm in the West of Scotland Nephrops fishery
- whiting caught by vessels using bottom trawls with a mesh size up to 119 mm in the West of Scotland Nephrops fishery

The previously transmitted Joint Recommendation was revised in that sense. In the revision other small amendments were incorporated in order to accommodate the remarks of the Commission.

I remain available for any inquiry you may have in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of



Chair of the North-Western Waters Member States Group