Dear Mr. Friess,

Please find attached herewith a letter of the North Western waters group as reaction on your letter of last Friday.

The introduction of REM as an additional condition to obtain de minimis for some stocks is hard to accept. Moreover unrealistic deadlines were put forward: it is politically nor technically not doable to impose this obligation on complete fleets before July 2020.

On behalf of the chair of the North Western Waters HLG.

Kind regards,