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Subject: RE: Updatiing the South Western Waters group's joint recommendation for a demersal discard plan in the light of STECF's advice
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Dear Helen,

As Chair of the South Western Waters regional group, please find hereafter our feedback to your letter of July, 24th.

It has been extremely complicated to reach a consensus due to the short time and the summer holydays. We will put all together as soon as possible and will continue working with your services to find a compromise that can satisfy everyone expectations on the complex challenge that the Landing Obligations pose to all of us.

We are working on the next modifications of the JR, based on your assessment:

Skates and Rays

The SWW group can share the Commission's concerns on the Cuckoo ray due to no data from 8 and 9. Therefore, the group will maintain the Cuckoo ray in this high survivability exemption on a 1 year basis, to be able to provide more data in the coming year and to prove the high survivability.

Hake caught with trawls in directed fisheries in 8 and 9

The group will change the exemption to grant it for vessels with mesh size over 80 mm and limit it on vessels with mesh size below 79 mm

For vessels with a mesh size ranging 70-79 mm the de minimis will be for one year after that they will have to adapt to one of the following technical measures (from 01.01.2020)

- T90
- ventral window with meshes turned 45 degrees, as specified in the annex;
- lobster grid, 13 mm spacing between round bars;
- codend mesh size of 80 mm or more;
- 45 degree turned mesh cylinder, as specified in the annex.to vessels using T90.

The groups considers that the fishermen should have time to adapt to this new measure.

Horse mackerel, mackerel, anchovy and boarfish caught by bottom trawlers

Taking into account that there is some evidence presented on difficulties in improving selectivity and difficulties in handling, the SWW group wants to split the de minimis in 4 separate de minimis for each species, and will submit additional information as soon as possible to show the cost and impact.

Catches of anglerfish, sole, turbot, red seabream, great forkbeard caught by trawlers in the gulf of Cádiz (part of area 9a)

Taking into account that there is some evidence presented on difficulties in improving selectivity and difficulties in handling, the SWW group wants to split the de minimis in 5 separate de minimis for each species, and will submit additional information as soon as possible to show the cost and impact.

Catches of megrim, anglerfish, whiting and Pollack caught by trawlers in divisions 8 and 9

Taking into account that there is some evidence presented on difficulties in improving selectivity and difficulties in handling, the SWW group wants to split the de minimis in 4 separate de minimis for each species and reduce it to 5% with the provisions set in the hake for new technical measures to be adopted before the 01.01.2020, and will submit additional information as soon as possible to show the cost and impact.

Catches of megrim, anglerfish, whiting and Pollack caught by gillnetters in divisions 8 and 9

Taking into account that there is some evidence presented on difficulties in improving selectivity and difficulties in handling, the SWW group wants to split the de minimis in 4 separate de minimis for each species and reduce the amount to 4%, and will submit additional information as soon as possible to show the cost and impact.

Catches of horse mackerel, mackerel, anchovy and boarfish, caught by gillnetters in 8,9, 10 and CECAF 34

Taking into account that there is some evidence presented on difficulties in improving selectivity and difficulties in handling, the SWW group wants to split the de minimis in 2 separate de minimis for horse mackerel and mackerel, and will submit additional information as soon as possible to show the cost and impact.

Catches of horse mackerel, mackerel, anchovy and boarfish, caught by longliners in 8, 9, 10 and CECAF 34

The group can accept this rejection.

Catches of all species regulated with TAC and quota caught by the artisanal fleet, in 8, 9, 10 and CECAF 34

Taking into account that there is some evidence presented on difficulties in improving selectivity and difficulties in handling, the SWW group wants to underline that the application of the Landing Obligation for the artisanal fleet is going to be a mayor challenge. We accept the Commission's rejection, nevertheless, the group will continue working to collect information and data on the impact and difficulties to improve selectivity, in order to propose an alternative solution.

Thank you,

Kind regards,



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Asunto: Updatiing the South Western Waters group's joint recommendation for a demersal discard plan in the light of STECF's advice

Dear [Redacted]

Please find attached on behalf of Ms Clark (Director DG MARE C) the letter and annex with reference Ares(2018)3908330 dated on the 24/07/2018 regarding the above mentioned subject.

Kind regards,


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