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Subject:	Minutes - Bilateral meeting between Joao AGUIAR MACHADO, DG MARE, and						
	Johan OSINGA, new NL DG (12/10/2018)						
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NL side: Johan OSINGA (Di	rector-General), R	onald VAN ROE	DEN (DPR),		(NI	L Ministry of	
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This was a courtesy visit from the new NL Director General to introduce himself. The discussion focussed on pulse fishing, the Commission proposal on a new EMFF 2021-2027, DG MARE's priorities for the next Commission, Brexit, and December Council.

NL were interested to get Commission's views on the state of play following the last trilogue on Technical Measures (04/10), in particular on **pulse fishing**. NL considered the paragraph on the review clause as an essential element of the Presidency compromise on pulse. They also confirmed that they would like the Austrian Presidency to conclude the file and that a deal with FR on pulse is possible. DG MARE replied that the issue of pulse fishing has become highly political in the European Parliament and thus it remains difficult to predict the outcome of negotiations. On having a transitional period, DG MARE agreed that such a measure would be indeed reasonable.

NL are looking at ways on how to stimulate efforts with neighbouring countries to have a more integrated approach in the **North Sea by 2030**, listing key challenges such as fisheries but also Brexit, Landing Obligation, blue economy (wind farms). DG MARE welcomed this strategy and informed the NL that internal reflections are ongoing on what priorities the next Commission would be (impact of climate change on fisheries, etc.). Also Oceans are one of the four topics selected for the next Horizon Europe research programme. Any inputs from NL on these reflections are welcome.

NL expressed their support to the Commission proposal for the **EMFF 2021-2027** and focussed on simplification of procedures. They explained that the low implementation of the current EMFF results from some funding which faced paybacks due to the level of details of the procedure. On this, DG MARE pointed out that a key element of the proposal is to provide only a list of actions which cannot be funded, leaving more flexibility for operators.

Mr OSINGA reiterated their worries about **Brexit** and the fact that fisheries could be used as trade-offs in the negotiations. DG MARE recalled that the Task-Force, incl. Mr BARNIER, is well aware of the sensitiveness of this sector.

NL referred to the important impact of the full implementation of the Landing Obligation in view of the **December Council**. While fully-documented fisheries can help in this regard, the Commission needs to provide support. Finally, they were also disappointed that the extension of the discard plans were only for one year.

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