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Subject: Letter from Dr Beamish to the chair of the NWWAC, Mr Emiel Brouckaert

Dear Dr Beamish,

The North Western Waters Advisory Council wishes to express its appreciation for your letter of the 10 January 2018 and the invitation to the first Technical Group meeting (31 January 2018) of the NWW Member States Group under the Irish presidency. The NWWAC welcomes the encouragement of the Member States Group for further cooperation and reciprocally would like to welcome the Irish administration to the presidency of the North Western Waters Member State group and wish you and your team every success in achieving a good outcome for the many challenges ahead.

The NWWAC has capitalised on the opportunity of regionalisation to build trust and confidence between the Advisory Council and the Regional Member States Group. It is important to all the members of the NWWAC that this relationship continues. We also look forward to the continued use by the Regional Member States Group of the experience existing within the membership of the NWWAC. In this context, the NWWAC has planned to provide advice on the process of implementation of the Landing Obligation, to respond to marine spatial planning consultations and to pay attention to any developments impacting fisheries in the North Western Waters area.

To prepare NWWAC advice on the joint recommendation on the discard plan and on options for addressing choke species in a timely manner, there was a meeting of the NWWAC Advice Drafting Group on the Landing Obligation on the 10 January 2018. The presentation of the Irish presidency's work plan for the coming 6 months at this meeting was welcomed. A second meeting of this group is planned on the 29 January.



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With your assistance, the NWWAC aims to optimise the efficiency of the consultation process, the exchange of ideas and the production of advice, in order to provide the Regional Member States Group with the best possible understanding of the regional stakeholders' contribution. As such, the NWWAC would like to extend an invitation to the Regional Member States Group to attend the Monday 29 January meeting starting at 13.00 in the BIM offices, in Dun Laoghaire.

The NWWAC looks forward to working with the Irish presidency and wishes to convey to the Irish Administration the best wishes for a productive and fruitful term of office.

Yours sincerely,



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