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Council
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Subject: Request for an ICES evaluation of the NWWAC advice on
management measures for *Nephrops* in FU16 (the Porcupine bank)

Your Ref.: your letter of 15 June 2018

Dear Mr Brouckaert,

Thank you for the above-mentioned letter concerning the management of the *Nephrops* fishery in FU16, the Porcupine Bank. We have been in contact several times on this matter¹ and I welcome the NWWAC continued engagement in ensuring a sustainable management of this stock.

For 2018, the Council decided actually that there should be no overall change in the management arrangements for this functional unit (FU). This means that the Council decided to keep both the sub-TAC for the Porcupine Bank (FU16) and the closed period.

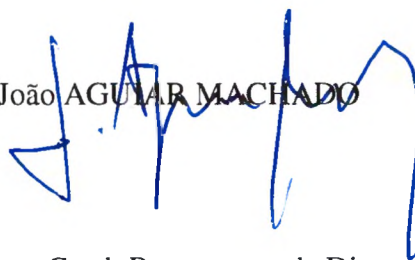
For 2019, we are currently awaiting the scientific advice by ICES, which is to be released on 31 October 2018. Once we receive this advice, we will consider if there is any basis for proposing any changes in the management of *Nephrops* in the Porcupine Bank.

¹ Latest COM letters: Ref. Ares(2017)891166 - 17/02/2017 and Ref. Ares(2018)188972 - 11/01/2018

Let me thank you for your constructive input. I look forward to continuing our cooperation in the future and invite you to take contact with Ms Pascale Colson, as coordinator of the ACs (pascale.colson@ec.europa.eu; +32 2 29 56273) should you have any question on this reply.

Yours sincerely,

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