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Dear Commissioner Sinkevičius,

On behalf of the members of the North Western Waters Advisory Council I wish to thank you and your team for joining us at the meeting of our Executive Committee.

We appreciated the overview you provided on upcoming challenges and opportunities, both for the Commission and this Advisory Council and took good note of your intervention on the Green Deal, the Biodiversity and Farm to Fork strategies, the EMFF, the CFP, the Covid-19 crisis and Brexit.

Although the time was taken to have a short Q&A session, there is much more the NWWAC members wish to address. The NWWAC therefore looks forward to further engage with the Commission and to contribute to, and prepare advice on, the many aspects of the mentioned topics.

We welcome your acknowledgement of the contribution the NWWAC has made over the years of its existence and note your assurance that the importance of its work will continue after the transition period subsequent to the UK leaving the EU.

We value the opportunity for this engaging exchange and look forward to welcoming you again particularly when the circumstances enable face-to-face meetings.

Sincerely yours,

Emiel Brouckaert

Chairman Executive Committee

