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Mr Pascal Savouret
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Dear Mr. Savouret,

**Subject: Request for release of full report on evaluation of compliance with the Landing Obligation
North Western Waters 2016 – 2017**

The North Western Waters Advisory Council (NWWAC) became aware of the publication of an executive summary of the EFCA evaluation of compliance with the Landing Obligation in the NWW region over the period 2016 and 2017 for selected species. In this summary findings suggest that for certain towed gears, used in certain areas, non-compliance with the Landing Obligation appears to have been widespread during the evaluation period.

Given the severe nature of the conclusions presented, the NWWAC would like to ask EFCA to disclose the full report. The NWWAC considers it useful to analyse in detail the apparent non-compliance and to determine how the AC can eventually produce advice on relevant remedial actions. Furthermore, we find that transparency about EFCA's evaluation is important as detailed information is required to avoid allegations based on incomplete data that cannot be challenged by the relevant stakeholders.

The NWWAC understands that the full report might contain sensitive inspection data and other details not suitable for external publication and therefore proposes that such restricted information is removed from the document prior to its distribution.

Upon receipt of the full report the NWWAC intends to assess how to contribute to eventual remediation and we look forward to acting on this in close cooperation with EFCA.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman of the Executive Committee



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