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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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Re.: Participation of the NWWRAC in the implementation of the “marine environment strategy” framework directive

Dear President,

In reply to your letter dated the 1st of March 2010, I wish, first of all, to support your comments in respect of the importance to European fishermen of the Directive 2008/56/CE that sets out a framework for community action in the field of marine environment policy (framework directive for the marine environment).

I officially communicated your request to the Directorate-General responsible for the environment. The latter informed me that several fishing organisations and NGOs were members of work groupes (particularly Européche, Seas at Risk, WWF, the National Federation of Fishermen’s Organisations and the Scottish Fishermen’s Federation). These members have access to the web site put into place by the Commission (CIRCA) where all information relative to the different working groups is available. The Environment DG, given that several of these organisations are members of the NWWRAC, considers that the participation of the NWWRAC in the different working groups is not justified.

If you require more information, you may contact directly the DG ENV D2 unit, which is responsible for this file.

Yours respectfully,

Signature
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