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Dear Director General,

The North Western Waters RAC is aware that a comprehensive review of the cod recovery programmes is envisaged under the agreement reached at the Council of Fisheries Ministers in December 2010.

While acknowledging that the Commission, with STECF and ICES will lead the review, the NWWRAC wishes to play a full part in providing the highest quality input from the various stakeholders in relation to the areas within its compass.

To this end, the NWWRAC and in particular the Working Groups dealing with Area VI and Area VII, which are currently the subject of Cod Recovery plans, wish to liaise with your services with regard to the work programme envisaged so as to schedule the NWWRAC's work programme for 2011.

We are also concerned with the further work envisaged in relation to the potential for functional unit management of Nephrops in Area VII.

Perhaps we could add these issues to the agenda for the proposed meeting on CFP reform planned for March 2 or some alternative arrangement as you might suggest.

Yours sincerely

Sam Lambourn - NWWRAC Chairman