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Mr. João Aguiar Machado
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Dublin, 26 June 2018

Subject: EC Consultation Paper - **Towards New SCIPs** - Advisory Council Consultation

Dear Mr Machado,

The NWWAC would like to thank the European Commission for consulting with the Advisory Councils on the Commission Implementing Decision establishing Specific Control and Inspection Programmes (SCIPs) for certain pelagic and demersal fisheries in the Baltic Sea, North Sea, Western Waters of North East Atlantic, East Atlantic, Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea.

The NWWAC has duly consulted its members based on the Commission's consultation document and taking account of the Commission proposal to amend the Control Regulation (No 2018/0193 (COD)), published on the 30th May 2018 and has agreed the following advice.

The NWWAC notes the clause in the Commission's proposal on the use of remote electronic monitoring tools, in particular CCTV, as a measure to control the landing obligation (Article 25a), which requires that a percentage of fishing vessels should be equipped with CCTV, on the basis of a risk assessment.

As the proposal already provides for the mandatory use of CCTV, it negates the point of this latest consultation. Therefore, the NWWAC considered a detailed response to the questionnaire unnecessary and refers to the NWWAC advice on the Commission proposals on the EU Fisheries Control System¹, particularly on the Remote Electronic Monitoring issue under the section on the Control of the Landing Obligation. This advice considered criteria for determining the fisheries/fleet segments/vessels to be subject to control through Remote Electronic Monitoring, as well as the specific challenges associated with the introduction of CCTV.

The NWWAC is disappointed that the timing of the two documents did not allow sufficient time to ensure that the views of stakeholders were properly sought on all of the key questions before the Commission's control proposals were published.

The NWWAC reiterates the importance of the revision of the Control Regulation and its role in the success of the CFP. A Focus Group on Control and Compliance will be organised by the NWWAC later this year to discuss the Commission proposal No. 2018/0193 (COD) in greater detail. An invitation to this meeting will be sent to the Commission in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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