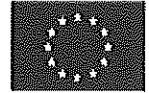




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Subject: EFCA Seminar on the Practical Implementation of the New CFP Provisions in the Joint Deployment Plans.

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

In accordance with its role in supporting the implementation of new CFP requirements as referred to in its Multi-Annual Work Programme, the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) has the ambition of assisting Member States and the European Commission to develop simple and cost efficient methods for monitoring and ensuring compliance with the new obligations.

To progress towards this goal, EFCA is currently organising a seminar on the "Practical implementation of the new CFP provisions in the Joint Deployment Plans" that will take place in the Excelsior Hotel in Dubrovnik (Croatia) on **16 of January 2014** (see enclosed tentative agenda). This seminar will provide a forum for discussion amongst representatives from Member States (MS), the European Commission (EC), scientific advice institutions (ICES, STECF) and stakeholders' representatives (RACs) on the organisation and implementation of the new obligations and the implications for JDP operations.

Considering the importance of the Regional Advisory Councils in this process, your contribution to this Seminar will be valuable and greatly appreciated with reference to the establishment of the obligation to land all the catches in European legislation.

We envisage active participation from all stakeholders during this Seminar. We would be very grateful if you could attend with one colleague or if you cannot attend, nominate two representatives from your Advisory Council to participate in this event. The EFCA will be pleased to cover the travel and accommodation expenses of your representatives to this seminar.

I would be grateful if you could send me the contact details of your delegation by the 15th of December 2013, to send them a personal invitation to the event.

Yours sincerely,

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PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW CFP PROVISIONS IN THE JOINT DEPLOYMENT PLANS

Dubrovnik, 16th January 2014

Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, January 15th: Evening social programme

Thursday, January 16th

Session (9:30-13:00): Implementation of the landing obligation

- Implementation of the landing obligation (EFCA)
- The Industry view (RACs)

COFFEE BREAK (20 min)

- The scientific view: STECF / ICES (tbc)

Discussion

LUNCH (13:00-14:30)

Session (14:30-17:30): Regional Discard Plans

- Regional initiatives for implementing the landing obligation (BALTFISH, Scheveningen...)

COFFEE BREAK (20 min)

Discussion

CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING AND WAY FORWARD (EFCA)