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Re: Legal Annex III of the Common Fisheries Policy

Dear Pascale,

Following the recent meeting of the Focus Group Brexit of the North Western Waters Advisory Council, I am writing to you regarding the area of competence of this Advisory Council after the UK's full exit from the EU.

Annex III of the Common Fisheries Policy identifies the area of competence for the NWWAC as "ICES zones V (excluding Va and only Union waters of Vb), VI and VII."

With the UK having become a third country their EEZ is no longer under NWWAC competence.

I would appreciate if you could outline the Commission's understanding of how this legal Annex is affected by the UK's departure from the EU and how this will be addressed.

Kind regards,

Emiel Brouckaert
Chair Executive Committee

