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Dun Laoghaire, 14 January 2021

Dear Ms Vitcheva,

**Subject: Annual Fishing Opportunities 2021**

At the December 2020 Agriculture and Fisheries Council ministers agreed to set provisional quotas for the fish stocks shared with the UK, given the ongoing EU-UK negotiations on their future relationship. These provisional quotas include a proportionate roll-over of the existing 2020 fishing opportunities for the first three months of 2021, applying a 25% ratio of the total existing Union quota.

As presented in the Presidency Compromise at this Council meeting, the Commission would assess the situation of the stocks shared with the United Kingdom and subject to provisional TACs, as well as develop relevant suggestions for the way forward to establish definitive TACs. Basically, it was declared that this issue would be examined and attempted to be resolved early in the year.

The NWWAC would like to emphasise the urgency of definitive TACs being established and that this is addressed by the Commission at the earliest convenience.

The NWWAC is happy to assist in this matter if and when required by the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Emiel Brouckaert  
Chairman Executive Committee