

28<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to appeal to the NWWRAC for the consideration of Seas At Risk (SAR) for a position on the Executive Committee.

SAR is a European association of non-governmental environmental organisations working to protect and restore to health the marine environment of the European seas and the wider North East Atlantic.

We represent sixteen member organisations from eleven European countries. We work on a multitude of different environmental issues impacting our marine environment, however, our basic principles which transcend all issues include; sustainability, precautionary action, integration and democratisation.

With relation to fisheries and the work being carried out through the NWWRAC we aim to guarantee and ensure that:

- The human use of, or interaction with, the marine environment is sustainable in perpetuity, without causing environmental damage, degradation or harm to the maintenance of natural resources and ecological balance;
- Appropriate preventative measures are taken when there is reason to believe that an activity taking place in the marine environment is likely to cause harm.
- Environmental problems are dealt with through an integrated ecosystem-based approach focussing on the re-establishment of natural processes.
- Problems shared by different European seas are considered together, that common policies are developed and implemented in all affected areas and to integrate environmental considerations into the decision making structures of all sectors of the economy.

SAR also promote the widest possible participation in a completely transparent and fully accountable environmental decision making process.

I feel that our wide involvement within the fishing industry across Europe would make us an excellent candidate for the NWWRAC executive committee.

Yours faithfully,

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